

SUBMISSION FROM NGĀ KAIWHAKAPŪMAU I TE REO:

We note the discussion paper *Preparing for 5G in New Zealand*, of March 2018 and the call for submissions. We make the following submission from Ngā Kaiwhakapūmau i te Reo (Inc) an organisation promoting the Māori language and culture, with members from hapū and iwi throughout Wellington and further afield.

We ask that the Crown advance the Māori position in relation to spectrum and frequencies in a manner consistent with that upheld by the Waitangi Tribunal. The Tribunal found in its reports on claims in 1990 (Wai 150) and 1999 (Wai 776) that Māori are guaranteed rights of ownership ahead of the Crown and other recreational or commercial users in relation to the spectrum, and should be allowed to freely pursue the opportunities that this offers.

Given the proliferation of overseas media network owners and operators, and the tilting of the balance to overseas content of the general total content screening in New Zealand households in the digital age, the Crown and Māori should conduct a fresh examination of the linguistic and cultural consequences 5G will produce. The partners should enact legislation to recognise these Treaty rights, agree on the opportunities 5G can provide Māori on a wide variety of fronts, and ensure the emerging scene is consistent with the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

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