



## Ending Streaming in Aotearoa – a discussion guide for iwi

From the very first day our children walk through the school door, we tell them they are clever, or they are struggling. For those identified by teachers as clever, they get more attention, more positive messaging, and the more challenging work – **You Can!** For those labelled by teachers as struggling, they get negative messaging, less challenging work and expectations of them are lowered – **You Can't!**

No one benefits from streaming – not even the so called 'bright' kids. For many Māori and Pasifika students, streaming is especially damaging. Bias and racism play a role in telling too many – **You Can't!** Career doors are closed and aspirations lowered. We all pay a price for this. As *Ending Streaming in Aotearoa* demonstrates, there is an alternative and better way.

Government policy is that schools shouldn't stream, however despite this, over 90 percent of schools in New Zealand continue to stream or ability group students.

This discussion guide is intended to deepen your understanding of the issues and how as iwi you might take action to bring about change. The questions are only suggestions. Feel free to ignore or add others more relevant to your situation.

Karawhuia!

### Titiro Whakamuri – Looking to the past to understand the present

- What stories of streaming do you have from your experiences at school?
- What is the historical landscape in terms of education in your rohe?

### Titiro Whakaroto – Looking to the present to chart the course to the future

- What do you see as the key education issues in your rohe?
- How are you working to bring equity to the education sector and where have you been successful?
- What is the position of your iwi/hapū regarding streaming in schools?

### Titiro Whakamua – Plotting the course to the future

- How might you collaborate with other iwi and organisation's to support the end of streaming and to bring equity to our education system?

If you would like to share your stories, please email us: [streaming@ngaitahu.iwi.nz](mailto:streaming@ngaitahu.iwi.nz) We would love to hear from you.