



TOKONA TE RAKI
Māori Futures Collective

Ending Streaming in Aotearoa – a discussion guide for organisation's

From the very first day our children walk through the school door, they are told 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 the teacher as struggling, they get the negative messaging, less challenging work and expectations are lowered. **You Can't!** This is our education system at its worst.

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* has shown, there is an alternative and better way.

Government policy is that schools should not be streaming, despite this however, over 90 percent of schools in New Zealand continue to stream or ability group students.

As an organization with influence in the education sector, this discussion guide is intended to deepen your understanding of the issues and to start the thinking process with regards to how 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

- How has your organisation impacted the lives of young people in our education system?
- How has history shaped your organisation?

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

- What role does your organisation play in terms of enabling streaming in schools?
- As a key stakeholder, what is your organisation's current position on the issue of streaming?
- If your organisation is opposed to streaming, in what ways are you actioning this position?

Titiro Whakamua – Plotting the course to the future

- As an organisation, what further action could you take to end streaming?
- How might you collaborate with other organisations to support the end of streaming and bring about equity in our education system?

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