



Key Insights:

# Māori

## Embedding te ao Māori in the criminal justice system

Respondents emphasise the need to embed a Māori worldview across the criminal justice system. The role of tikanga Māori and Te Tiriti o Waitangi are given particular importance at all stages of the justice system.

- “ More holistic, indigenous rehabilitation centres underpinned by te reo Māori me ngā tikanga. ”
- “ Prisons need to be run differently, less, European approach, more te ao Māori focus on healing and culture and the significance of wellness from culture. ”
- “ There is the opportunity to apply a Māori framework to the justice system. How can issues be dealt with on a marae? Instead of an individual being judged, how do we understand that offending is situated within whānau and hapū. There are no silos on a marae. ”

## Māori leadership

A number of responses state that Māori should assume a leadership role in deciding on specific interventions for Māori. Responses also emphasise the importance of increasing the number of Māori staff and service providers.

- “ Led by Māori for Māori. ”
- “ Māori have to be the decision-makers – not just the stakeholders. ”
- “ Māori are the only people that can fix our problems. Pūao Te atatu still stands as a relevant document to how Māori want to be treated and live their lives. Pūao te atatu has a lot of the answers that are relevant for our people today. ”
- “ There are Māori out there who can deliver. Can't be by people who have a university understanding of Māori values tika, pono, etc. Deliverers need to both understand & be the change. ”

## Māori to self-determine the solutions

Many responses emphasise a need for Māori to be self-determining in developing the future foundation of the justice system in accordance with Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

- “ Māori have the solutions but we need the space to self-determine. ”
- “ Solutions to justice should be by Māori for Māori. ”
- “ Actually give the Mana back to Marae, Iwi, Whānau, Hapu. Then we're all on the same page. ”
- “ Co-design is an expression to Tino Rangatiratanga. Co-design is us with another agencies, but unless part of co-design includes whanau hapu iwi, then we'll get parts of the necessary change only. ”

# Method

We sought to engage New Zealanders in a national conversation about the future direction of our criminal justice system.

### INFORMATION CAPTURE METHODS INCLUDE:

- Around 220 face-to-face events across the country
- Around 150 submissions to the programme email addresses
- Around 160 submissions to a web survey on the Hāpaitia website
- Information captured during the national Criminal Justice Summit, held August 2018

### COMMUNITIES WE VISITED



### WHO DID WE SPEAK TO?

- NGOs
- Iwi
- Judiciary
- Lived experience (Victims, Offenders)
- Court Users
- Academics
- Frontline staff
- Community/NZ Public

### TECHNICAL NOTE:

- Information presented here is based on qualitative information captured as part of a nationwide public conversation about the criminal justice system led by Te Uepū (Safe and Effective Justice Advisory Group) between August 2018 and April 2019.
- The results are based on individuals and organisations that took part in the public conversation and are not representative of the New Zealand population.
- The number of responses under each category are relatively small and therefore the results should be treated as indicative only.
- This information presented in this summary is based on a one-off data collection and will not be replicated.

