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**Attention:** Minister of Education

Hon Chris Hipkins

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Open Letter

Tēnā koe e te Rangatira, Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education

### **Māori Professors Call for a National Review of Universities**

We, the undersigned as Māori Professors from Aotearoa New Zealand's Universities, write in general support of the senior Māori academics at the University of Waikato who made a protected disclosure regarding allegations of serious wrongdoing at the University of Waikato.

We endorse the general observations made in public, principally concerning the Crown's failure to protect Māori staff and students in Universities and, consequently, its failure to uphold the principles of te Tiriti o Waitangi.

We call for a nation-wide review of the University tertiary sector for the purpose of committing to, and accelerating with urgency, a tertiary sector that honours te Tiriti o Waitangi.

We call for this nation-wide review to commence now with urgency.

Signed

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