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Aotearoa
New Zealand**

Matatū. Tū Mataora.
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Transcript: Message of apology from Nicola Ngarewa, Chairperson of the Teaching Council

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Nicola Ngarewa

Chairperson of the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand

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With a message for the profession

Spoken:

Ki runga, ki raro, ki roto, ki waho. Rire rire hau, pai mārire. Ka nui te mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa. Ko Nicola Ngarewa au. Te timana o te Matatū Aotearoa.

As the chairperson of the New Zealand Teaching Council, it's important I communicate with you kanohi ki te kanohi. In light of the recent judicial review decision, of which the Council fully supports the court's decision, with humility, with aroha.

We apologise to every member of the teaching profession for the flawed consultation process. We got it wrong and we understand that this has caused upset and diminished trust in us. It's important that you know that we have learnt incredibly valuable lessons from the court's decision; not only about the law, but also about the how we do this better next time and that you also know we are committed to ensuring that we address this, including a thorough consultation process with the profession, understanding that it's important that we listen, that we hear the voice, and we use this to direct our decision-making. The Council is absolutely committed to realising the aspiration to be the professional body for teachers. While we've made significant progress in some areas, we also acknowledge and understand that we have some work to do, in connecting and strengthening as we move forward together. We look forward to working with you, not only with the consultation process that's ahead, but also in other mahi around supporting teachers, supporting our profession.

Nō reira ki a koutou katoa. Rire rire hau, pai mārire.

Text on screen:

Thank you

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