



**Teaching
Council of
Aotearoa
New Zealand**

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18 February 2022

Dear Colleagues

E ngā mana nui o te rau hīhī
E ngā reo motoi kura o te rau hāhā
Ko ngā Huia Kaimanawa o tō takiwā
Kei ngā kaiako katoa
Kei ngā tumuaki me kaiarahi katoa
Kei ngā ropū whakahaere katoa
Tēna koutou katoa.

To the esteemed ones
To the prized voices of the many
To the treasures of the many regions
To all teachers
To all principals and centre leaders
To all key stakeholders,
Greetings.

I hope this email finds you well, and that you're coping with the stresses and strains that COVID has brought to every teacher and principal throughout Aotearoa.

You will find attached a consultation document proposing an increase to fees and levies for your consideration and feedback. Your Council has been grappling for some time with a significant shortfall in funding for the essential services it provides to you and the wider profession. The Government has decided that it will no longer subsidise the Council. We have not increased the fees in 12 years despite rising costs including inflation.

As a practising principal myself, I know the timing of this consultation is not ideal. I also know that the size of the increase proposed is significant. We acknowledge and understand this and ask for your patience and forbearance.

It's important for you to know that we have engaged an independent review of the costs and levies we are asking you to pay. We hope the report will give you peace of mind that what is proposed is reasonable and fair.

We are genuine in wanting your feedback, including our suggestions and any of your own.

Noho ora mai

Nicola Ngarewa
Governing Board Chair