

LIAC POSITION STATEMENT ON MĀTAURANGA MĀORI

LIAC acknowledges the centrality of Mātauranga Māori to its purpose and how Mātauranga Māori fundamentally affects its approach and style.

LIAC maintains a policy as well as an activities focus:

- LIAC website to inform and engage people;
- A national Peoples' Network as the basis of and for Whānau Connections;
- Digital Strategy framework based on pan-government relationships;
- World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) - global context for the indigeneity of bodies of knowledge;
- World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education (WIPCE) 2005 informs us that language and culture is fundamental to indigenous knowledge, including Mātauranga Māori.

New Zealand On Line / Hononga Aotearoa as the conduit for **Mātauranga Māori** digital memory

- Content, Connection, Confidence
- Custodial roles - guardianship

Mātauranga Māori that provides:

- Distinctive iwi knowledge – traditional, contemporary, future;
- Creative potentials to build a creative wānanga culture (energy, spirit) amongst iwi, hapū, whānau (community & communities);
- Framework for the indigenous knowledge of Aotearoa – New Zealand;
- Connection to traditional knowledge for national and global content.

Mapping the existing Mātauranga Māori landscape

- Connecting distinctive iwi knowledge- oral, literary, images to digital memory;
- Stock take of existing wānanga culture.

Imagining the information society

- Connecting creative potential to build and maintain a creative culture;
- Generating wānanga culture that contributes to the Peoples' Network and a new Whānau New Zealand Community of, within, and across communities.

Contributing to policy arch of strategies and frameworks

- Supporting the Digital Strategy framework to protect and promote Māori bodies of knowledge;
- Protecting and promoting catalysts for a new creative period in Māori history and culture in the life of New Zealand as a nation.

LIAC informing Aotearoa New Zealand

- At the heart of Mātauranga Māori is its fundamental view.

