

**LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
NGĀ KAIWHAKAMĀRAMA I NGĀ KOHIKOHINGA KŌRERO**

**STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS FOR LIAC 2007 - 2008**

**LIAC's Vision is:**

**“Aotearoa New Zealand: a leading information democracy”**

Key Strategic Areas for LIAC to achieve its vision are:

1. *Civic Space Advocacy: the Public Sphere Resocialised*
2. *Creating Aotearoa New Zealand's digital futures: supporting knowledge frameworks that promote social and economic transformation*
3. *Matauranga Maori*

**Key Strategic Area 1**

**Civic Space advocacy: the Public Sphere Resocialised**

**Strategic goal:**

*Promote the maintenance and development of both physical and virtual trusted public spaces that support an informed and literate citizenry to live in a fully functioning democracy and to build a clear national digital identity for Aotearoa/New Zealand.*

**Activities:**

- Support the propagation of World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) principles and definitions at national and regional levels, particularly within the context of the National Digital Strategy and the Digital Content Strategy (e.g. Advanced networks, The People's Network, Creative Commons, accessible digital repositories, access to information and education, etc.).
- Support Aotearoa/New Zealand's initiatives in the *Information for All* Programme (IFAP) at national and Pacific Region levels.
- Maintain an overview of global trends in information democracy especially around the privatisation/commercialisation of digital space.
- Continue dialogue with government agency/teams and NGOs engaged with promoting digital society.
- Promote libraries/museums/archives/galleries as trusted public spaces.
- Reinforce the importance of reading.

**Key Strategic Area 2**

**Creating Aotearoa New Zealand's digital futures: supporting knowledge frameworks that promote social and economic transformation**

**Strategic goals:**

- 2.1 *Support greater access to information for all New Zealander's by making the most of New Zealand's unique features (population size and geographical location).*
- 2.2 *Support the Digital Strategy and in particular the NZ Digital Content Strategy.*
- 2.3 *Promote LIAC's vision of a Digital NZ by encouraging the development of an all of country (community, business, government) content policy framework which ensures Aotearoa/New Zealand's content is sharable, sustainable and scalable.*

**Activities:**

- Advocate for required building blocks such as Aotearoa New Zealand People's Network and ubiquitous broadband in order to address digital divide issues and maximise opportunities for New Zealanders to develop digital skills.

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- Promote adoption of open standards for *content creation and distribution* and the development of simple digital creation tools.
- Actively support the implementation of Creative Commons Aotearoa New Zealand as an integral part of the knowledge framework.
- Identify potential international links and partnerships which would strengthen Aotearoa/New Zealand's digital presence on global networks.

### Key Strategic Area 3

#### Mātauranga Māori

##### Strategic goals:

- 3.1 *Reinforce the value and relevance of including mātauranga Māori for all.*
- 3.2 *Promote policies that reinforce a creative wānanga culture and support the status of the corpus of iwi knowledge systems.*

##### Activities:

- Raise critical awareness about mātauranga Māori and te reo of people working in library and information systems
  - that informs dialogue and discourse
  - that identifies issues and seeks solutions
  - that creates support systems for all.
- Develop understandings about mātauranga Māori as a conduit for connecting with indigenous and Pasifika knowledge systems
  - that increases the national content of traditional knowledge
  - that generates national connections to global knowledge
  - that raises the national confidence to use libraries and information.
- Develop associations with communities of mātauranga Māori and te reo
  - that collaborates with existing library and information systems
  - that raises the bicultural national identity.
- Ensure that mātauranga Māori is a key pouwhenua (pillar) in the implementation of the People's Network.

### Draft 2007/08 Research Programme

- Civic Space
- Telematics (EU)
- Liberty Alliance
- Consider whether NZ legislation supports information democracy, eg. explore the idea of whether legislation for public libraries is warranted.
- Mātauranga Māori – a leading indigenous knowledge practice
- Documentary Heritage
- Federated Identity