



# Tamariki in Aotearoa's Child Protection System:

How much do they really matter

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### Headlines

**Lead Story** 





#### Introduction

- Oranga Tamariki Ministerial Advisory Board (February 2021)
- Te Kahu Aroha report (July 2021)
- Past reports



## Today's korero

- Reports 1986 to 2022
- Children's system is there one?
- Outcomes sought
- Implications
- Responding to the challenges
- Potential disruptors
- Research



#### Reports 1986 to 2022 – Key Message



Reports over the past 37 years have called for a system approach to Care and Protection

- 1986 Puao-Te-Atu-Tu (Day Break)
- 2000 Brown Report
- 2011 Report by Mel Smith
- 2021 Te Kahu Aroha
- 2022 Dame Karen Poutasi's Joint Review into the Children's Sector

**Practice Reviews** 

## Current children's system



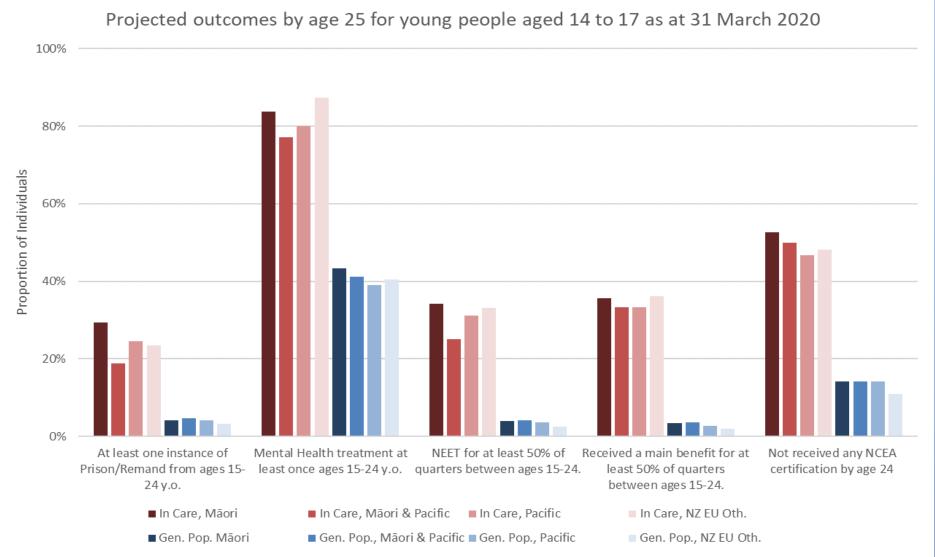
- Fractured
- Piece meal
- Unresponsive to tamariki Māori and Pacific
- Not fit for purpose
- Time for change

### Outcomes

- Education
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Housing
- Court

## **Implications**





## Responding to the challenge



Future Direction Plan

Oranga Tamariki Action Plan

## Potential disruptors



- October election
- Possible change of Minister
- Possible retrenchment of the public service
- Change in political direction
- Case reviews

### Research



- Report card of responsiveness of other government children's agencies
- Consequences for iwi, hapū, community and devolution
- Cost and benefits of continuing with status quo

#### What does this mean for tamariki



A cohesive and responsive children's system.

The wellbeing of our children matters.



## Tena koutou katoa



