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Official information request

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Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request by the Ministry for Regulation (Ministry) received on 4 June 2026. You requested:

who was involved in providing the AI guidance with respect to Māori and Te Tiriti o Waitangi?

Response

No specific Māori expertise was involved in the development or peer review of the Ministry for Regulation AI guidance for regulators¹.

Recognising the importance of Māori data sovereignty and Te Tiriti consideration in the use of AI, this guidance does not explore these areas in detail but instead, it points to trusted resources where more detailed information is available.

This guidance is high level and advisory. It highlights what regulatory leaders should think about when adopting AI, rather than trying to cover everything in detail that duplicates existing guidance or steps into areas led by agencies such as the Government Digital Delivery Agency (GDDA) and Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK).

The Ministry for Regulation focuses on regulation, and the guidance reflects that. A similar approach was taken for areas outside the Ministry's expertise, such as procurement and privacy information.

The guidance is part of a broader, ongoing piece of work. It will continue to evolve over time as AI develops and expectations around its use continue to change.

¹ [Responsible-AI-in-action-Guidance.pdf](#)

Right of review

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