

Law reform proposals made to Te Aka Matua o te Ture | Law Commission

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Topic	Year recommended	Recommender type	Actions
Accident compensation legislation	2022-2023	Legal profession	
Accident compensation legislation	2021-2022	Legal profession	
Accident compensation legislation	2020-2021	Legal profession	Referred to the Minister 2021
Adoption	2019-2020	Legal profession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Justice review underway - proposals due 2023. • Adoption of surrogate-born children considered in the Commission's Review of Surrogacy project, completed 2022
Anti-corruption Commission	2022-2023	Private Sector / NGO	
Arbitration Act 1996	2022-2023	Legal profession	
Arbitration Act 1996	2021-2022	Te Aka Matua o te Ture Law Commission	
Artificial intelligence	2020-2021	Te Aka Matua o te Ture Law Commission	Research pending. Preliminary research undertaken; further research pending
Artificial intelligence	2020-2021	Academic	Research pending. Preliminary research undertaken; further research pending
Artificial intelligence - large language methods	2022-2023	Individual	Research pending. Preliminary research undertaken; further research pending
Birth registration	2021-2022	Te Aka Matua o te Ture Law Commission	

Charities	2022-2023	Legal profession	Assessed - not proposed and not supported for work programme.
Charities	2021-2022	Legal profession	
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Charities	2020-2021	Legal profession	Provided comment to the Minister 2021
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Companies Act 1993	2021-2022	Te Aka Matua o te Ture Law Commission	Referred to the Minister 2022
Corporate liability framework	2022-2023	Legal profession	
Corporate liability framework	2021-2022	Public sector	
Crimes Act - Section 66(2) (party liability)	2021-2022	Academic	
Criminal disclosure	2021-2022	Te Aka Matua o te Ture Law Commission	
Criminal misconduct in office	2021-2022	Individual	
Criminal Procedure (Mentally Impaired Persons) Act 2003 - Section 34	2021-2022	Legal profession	
Cultural reports for sentencing	2022-2023	Legal profession	Research pending
Cultural reports for sentencing	2021-2022	Te Aka Matua o te Ture Law Commission	Referred to the Minister 2022
Declaratory judgments	2022-2023	Legal profession	Withdrawn from work programme 2019-2020
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Defamation	2022-2023	Legal profession	
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Defamation	2021-2022	Media	Referred to the Minister 2021 and 2022

Defamation	2019-2020	Legal profession	Referred to the Minister 2021 and 2022
Defamation	2019-2020	Academic	Referred to the Minister 2021 and 2022
Defamation	2019-2020	Academic	Referred to the Minister 2021 and 2022
Defamation	2018-2019	Legal profession	Referred to the Minister 2021 and 2022
Defamation	2021-2022	Individual	Referred to the Minister 2021 and 2022
Defence of duress	2021-2022	Academic	
Designing offence provisions	2021-2022	Public sector	
Digital property on death	2020-2021	Te Aka Matua o te Ture Law Commission	
Directors' duties	2022-2023	Legal profession	Overtaken - A member's bill on director's duties (the Companies (Directors Duties) Amendment Bill 2021) was introduced.
Directors' duties	2020-2021	Private Sector	Companies Act 1993 review referred to the Minister 2022
Emergency preparedness	2020-2021	Legal profession	Study Paper 23: <i>The Legal Framework for Emergencies in Aotearoa New Zealand</i> published 2022
Employment Relations Act 2000 / processes of the Employment Relations Authority	2019-2020	Individual	
Evidence	2021-2022	Legal profession	Included in the Commission's third statutory review of the Evidence Act 2006 in 2022
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Evidence	2020-2021	Legal profession	Referred to the Minister 2021; Included in referral of the third statutory review of the Evidence Act 2006 by Minister 2022

Evidence	2020-2021	Legal profession	Referred to the Minister 2021; Included in referral of the third statutory review of the Evidence Act 2006 by Minister 2022
Evidence	2019-2020	Judiciary	Referred to the Minister 2021; Included in referral of the third statutory review of the Evidence Act 2006 by Minister 2022
Family law treatment of multi-party relationships / non-intimate relationships	2021-2022	Te Aka Matua o te Ture Law Commission	
Freedom of information	2019-2020	Academic	
Genomic discrimination	2022-2023	Legal profession	
Governance models for statutory entities	2021-2022	Public sector	
Human Rights Act 1993	2022-2023	Te Aka Matua o te Ture Law Commission	Some Human Rights Act issues referred to the Commission by the Minister in 2022 and 2023
Leasehold land	2021-2022	Individual	
Legal aid	2021-2022	Individual	
Litigants in person - costs	2018-2019	Judiciary	
Lobbying regulation	2022-2023	Legal profession	
Media freedom	2021-2022	Academic	
Minimum age of criminal responsibility	2022-2023	Legal profession	
Minimum age of criminal responsibility	2020-2021	Other expert	Overtaken - work being done by the Office of the Children's Commissioner
Professional regulation	2021-2022	Te Aka Matua o te Ture Law Commission	Referred to the Minister 2022
Retirement village law	2022-2023	Legal profession	Overtaken - Act to be reviewed in 2023 by Ministry of Housing
Retirement village law	2020-2021	Public sector	Overtaken - Act to be reviewed in 2023 by Ministry of Housing
Review of Substance Addiction (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 2017	2020-2021	Legal profession	

Rights of disabled people	2019-2020	Public sector	
Sovereign immunity	2021-2022	Legal profession	
Te Ture Whenua Māori Bill 2016	2021-2022	Judiciary	Referred to the Minister 2021.
Terrorist act - offence to plan to commit	2020-2021	Judiciary	Referred to the Minister 2021. Superseded by the Counter-Terrorism Legislation Bill introduced 13/04/2021.
Testamentary capacity	2020-2021	Legal profession	
Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997	2022-2023	Legal profession	
Treaty of Waitangi - clauses in legislation	2022-2023	Legal profession	
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Treaty of Waitangi - development of post-settlement governance entity frameworks	2022-2023	Public sector	
Treaty of Waitangi - update to the Cabinet Office guidance	2021-2022	Te Aka Matua o te Ture Law Commission	
Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975	2022-2023	Māori Liaison Committee	
Trustee company legislation	2021-2022	Private sector	
Unified review of criminal law and procedure	2019-2020	Legal profession	Forwarded to the Minister's Office 2020
Whistle blowing	2019-2020	Academic	Overtaken by the enactment of the Protected Disclosures Act 2022