



# How to write a Submission on the Therapeutic Products Bill

In November 2022, parliament introduced the Therapeutic Products Bill, intended to replace the Medicines Act 1981 and the Dietary Supplements Regulations 1985. We want to make sure that our whānau understand what this could mean, and how you or your organisation can make a submission on the Therapeutic Products Bill.

Rongoā Māori hasn't been defined in the Bill, and this poses a number of concerns for practitioners and whānau.



## Our whānau, hapu and iwi need your help

The Therapeutic Products Bill seeks to regulate Rongoā Māori. Our Rongoā Māori practitioners haven't been engaged with yet and we know how much this will affect any whānau that uses Rongoā Māori.

Despite there being a 10 year work plan no proper and meaningful engagement with practitioners and Rongoā Māori experts has happened. A board or one person does not speak for and behalf of whānau, hapu and iwi.



## Decision-making time

Once Submissions close, our Members of parliament have to go through them all and considering what we have said. Healthy Families East Cape can help with your submission

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## Have a kōrero

You can even write in your Submission that you'd prefer to speak to the Select Committee. If you write this in your Submission, the Committee will get in touch to let you know 1. If you've been selected, and 2. When you can speak with them. If you are chosen to speak with them, they may ask you some questions, so it's always good to go with as much information as possible.



## Have your say in your way...

The best thing you can do in your Submission is to make sure you are specific and **stay on topic**. When you provide the best, evidence-based feedback, this helps parliament to fully understand the topic and how it is going to affect us and our whānau. The committee always lets you know when your Submission is received, and you can always add to it as well!



## SUBMISSIONS FOR THE THERAPEUTIC PRODUCTS BILL CLOSE on 15TH FEBRUARY 2023

Submissions for the Therapeutic Products Bill close on Wednesday 15th February, so we only have a little bit of time left to let parliament know how this Bill is going to affect us. Anyone and everyone can make a submission, and we want to make sure that our whānau and people know what's going on, and to use their voice to let parliament know what they like, dislike or want to change about this Bill.



## Sharing with government

Once the select committee has finished going through Submissions and receiving advice, they share their decision and recommendations with parliament. Let's make sure they know exactly how this Bill will affect our whānau, hapu and iwi by sharing with our friends and whānau to support practitioners and those who use Rongoā Māori



## Sharing with everyone

The final report and everything relating to the report is then shared with everyone via our website.

If you are ready to make a submission - [CLICK HERE](#)