

Date: Tuesday, 8 October 2024
Time: 9.00am
Meeting Room: Room 1, Level 26
Venue: Te Wharau o Tāmaki - Auckland House
135 Albert Street
Auckland

Te Komiti mō te Waeture me te Haumaruru / Regulatory and Safety Committee

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Bylaw and Code safety & cultural considerations for Tatau – Samoaan Traditional Tattooing.

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Advisor to Tufuga tā tatau).



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Health & Hygiene Bylaw 2013 - Tulafono o le galuega.

The Bylaw and Code are valid, but currently it is not
fit-for-purpose for the practice of Tatau.

Recommendations:

- The definition of Traditional tools tattooing needs to be updated.
- Must have a **clear distinction** between tā moko, **tatau**, ui or other traditional tattooing practices that has recognised cultural significance.
- Recognising and respecting the mana (power) of each cultural practice and the practitioners of the art.
- Also for the purposes of identifying and reporting health risks, injury and illness.
- A clear definition of traditional tattooing practices will also inform fit-for-purpose health and safety standards that are culturally appropriate.



"E sui faiga, ae tumau le fa'avae"

The form changes, but the underlying
principles remain.

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