Murray Strong Chair Te Pūkenga

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**Dear Murray** 

## Te Pükenga Statement of Intent 2024-2027 and Statement of Performance Expectations 2024

Thank you for submitting Te Pūkenga's draft Statement of Intent (SOI) for the 2024-2027 period and the Statement of Performance Expectations (SPE) for 2024 to me on 28 November 2023 for my consideration.

As part of the Government's 100-day plan, we intend to begin disestablishing Te Pūkenga. Therefore, under section 139B(3) of the Crown Entities Act 2004, given Te Pūkenga is likely to be disestablished, I have granted a waiver of the requirement for Te Pūkenga to produce an SOI.

Section 139B(4) of the Crown Entities Act 2004 requires Te Pūkenga to publish notice of the waiver online and it must also be included in the next annual report.

No such provision exists in the Crown Entities Act 2004 to waive the requirement for an SPE. As such, Te Pūkenga must publish an SPE for 2024 before the beginning of the upcoming financial year. I have reviewed the SPE and consider it is largely fit-for-purpose. However, I do request that Te Pūkenga reviews it in light of the Government's 100-day plan and my intention to begin disestablishing Te Pūkenga as quickly as possible. Te Pūkenga's focus should be on delivering high-quality education and training that meets regional needs, and initiatives that are consistent with the Government's intentions.

I intend to issue a new Letter of Expectations to you in the near future which will further set out my priorities and expectations for Te Pūkenga.

I look forward to receiving your final SPE before the end of the year.

Yours sincerely

**Penny Simmonds** 

Minister for Tertiary Education and Skills

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