

Tuesday, 15 April 2014.

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Tēnā Koe Professor Mauro Farella,

Efficacy of a mandibular advancement appliance on sleep disordered breathing in children

The Ngāi Tahu Research Consultation Committee (The Committee) met on Tuesday, 15 April 2014 to discuss your research proposition.

By way of introduction, this response from The Committee is provided as part of the Memorandum of Understanding between Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and the University. In the statement of principles of the memorandum it states "Ngāi Tahu acknowledges that the consultation process outline in this policy provides no power of veto by Ngāi Tahu to research undertaken at the University of Otago". As such, this response is not "approval" or "mandate" for the research, rather it is a mandated response from a Ngāi Tahu appointed committee. This process is part of a number of requirements for researchers to undertake and does not cover other issues relating to ethics, including methodology they are separate requirements with other committees, for example the Human Ethics Committee, etc.

Within the context of the Policy for Research Consultation with Māori, the Committee base consultation on that defined by Justice McGechan:

"Consultation does not mean negotiation or agreement. It means: setting out a proposal not fully decided upon; adequately informing a party about relevant information upon which the proposal is based; listening to what the others have to say with an open mind (in that there is room to be persuaded against the proposal); undertaking that task in a genuine and not cosmetic manner. Reaching a decision that may or may not alter the original proposal."

The Committee considers the research to be of importance to Māori health.

As this study involves human participants, the Committee strongly encourage that ethnicity data be collected as part of the research project. That is the questions on self-identified ethnicity and descent, these questions are contained in the latest census.

The Committee suggests dissemination of the findings to relevant Māori health organisations, for example the National Māori Organisation for Dental Health, Oranga Niho and to Professor John Broughton, who is involved in Māori Dental Health, University of Otago.

We wish you every success in your research and The Committee also requests a copy of the research findings.

This letter of suggestion, recommendation and advice is current for an 18 month period from Tuesday, 15 April 2014 to 2 October 2015.

NGĀI TAHU RESEARCH CONSULTATION COMMITTEE
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Nāhaku noa, nā



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