



AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND EVALUATION ASSOCIATION

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Productivity Commission

Submission to: **A fair chance for all: Breaking the cycle of persistent disadvantage Interim Report**

Kia ora koutou katoa-

The Aotearoa New Zealand Evaluation Association (ANZEA) is the national professional association for evaluation in New Zealand. As an Association, we seek to promote, advocate and advance high quality services to the people of Aotearoa through quality evaluation to shape better futures in Aotearoa New Zealand.

As a professional organisation and registered charity, we support the direction of 'A fair chance for all: Breaking the cycle of persistent disadvantage' as described in the interim report, and particularly the premise that 'Evaluation is an essential part of tackling complex problems.'

With approximately 650 members, ANZEA is one of the largest evaluation associations in the world on a per capita basis. Our membership is wide and varied, including members in Aotearoa New Zealand as well as the Aotearoa diaspora. Our members are leaders in government, NGOs and for purpose organisations. We collectively offer a broad range of experience that can contribute to the development of the recommendations, particularly pertaining to monitoring and evaluation as well as measurement and data collection.

Our recent national conference, ***Ka mua, Ka muri: Looking back to move forward***, demonstrated our memberships' commitment to a changing future for Aotearoa. The future suggests a world shaped by Covid-19, critical environmental and societal challenges and amplified technological development. We are also experiencing generational change and shifting worldviews as Aotearoa stands at the forefront of indigenous reclamation. We continue to examine the role of evaluation in society, exploring its position as influencers of change and wish to share our collective learnings.

We would like to formally invite the Productivity Commission to engage further and more deeply with ANZEA's board, leadership and membership as the report and recommendations are further developed.

Ngā mihi,

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