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MIN-4048 – Minister's Meeting with Belong Aotearoa

24 January 2023

Provide advice ahead of the Minister's meeting with s 9(2)(a) , CEO, Belong Aotearoa on 27 January 2023.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

Waka Kotahi meeting with Belong Aotearoa

Members of the Waka Kotahi Driver Licence Improvement Programme (DLIP) team met with s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a) CEO, and s 9(2)(a) Marcomms and Fundraising Manager on 20 January 2023.

The DLIP team provided an overview of the programme, focusing on the programme's progress in the latter part of 2022 and that Employment, Education and Training Ministers (EET) had endorsed a preferred future state option, *Option 3: Targeted System Change*, for engagement in early 2023.

Whilst it was noted that Belong Aotearoa had not been part of earlier DLIP stakeholder engagement, others representing refugee and migrant groups had attended future state workshops in August/September 2022. This included Driving Change Network, who have a large number of organisations that represent refugee and migrant groups in their network, along with representatives from the Ministry for Ethnic Communities.

As the programme plans wider engagement in early 2023, invitations to attend workshops will be made to stakeholders who represent targeted groups, such as Pacific people, those living in rural and remote communities, people with disabilities, sole parents, Māori, as well as refugee and migrant groups.

Waka Kotahi advised s 9(2)(a) that invitations to engagement workshops would also be extended to Belong Aotearoa and they would be added to the DLIP stakeholder newsletter, which was published for the first time in early December 2022. s 9(2)(a) also requested the driver licence eco-system map, which was developed by the DLIP team in August 2022.

s 9(2)(a) extended an offer for the team to provide content to include in the regular Belong Aotearoa network update emails (reach of ~4,000 community organisation and providers). The meeting was collegial, and an offer for s 9(2)(a) to contact the programme team at any time was made.

The team look forward to connecting again with s 9(2)(a) and her colleagues at the DLIP engagement workshops that will commence in the coming months.

Possible talking points

1. Belong Aotearoa are a stakeholder that have not been included in DLIP stakeholder engagement to date, but the DLIP programme has had good coverage of others representing the views of refugee and migrant groups.

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2. The views of refugee and migrant groups at the DLIP future state workshops in August/September 2022 were represented by Driving Change Network, who have a large number of organisations that represent refugee and migrant groups in their network, along with representatives from the Ministry for Ethnic Communities.

3. Invitations will be extended via the Driving Change Network for the following to be invited to DLIP's upcoming targeted engagement workshops:
   - Change Makers Resettlement Forum
   - English Language Partners
   - Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust
   - Mid Canterbury Rural Licensing
   - Puketapapa Community Driving School
   - Red Cross
   - Southern REAP
   - Literacy Aotearoa
   - Open Road Nationwide.

4. The DLIP team will be meeting with the representatives from the Ministry for Ethnic Communities on 25 January 2023 to discuss engagement and to recommend any further groups with an interest in the driver licensing system that should also be invited to engagement workshops.

5. Invitations to DLIP's targeted engagement workshops that will commence in the coming months will also be extended to Belong Aotearoa.

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