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Page 2: Section 1: submitter contact information

Q1

Name

George Christopher

Q2

Email address

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Q3

No

Can MBIE publish your name and contact information with your submission?
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Q4

No

Can MBIE contact you in relation to your submission?

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Q5

Individual

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

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Q6

Yes

Are you a researcher or scientist?

Q7

Age

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Q8

Gender

Q9

In which region do you primarily work?

Q10

Ethnicity

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Q11

Respondent skipped this question

What is your iwi affiliation?

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Q12

Respondent skipped this question

If you wish, please specify to which Pacific ethnicity you identify

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Q13

University

What type of organisation do you work for?

Q14

No

Is it a Māori-led organisation?

Q15

Physical sciences

Which disciplines are most relevant to your work?

Q16

It does not contain Mātauranga Māori

What best describes the use of Mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge) in your work?

Page 8: Section 2: Submitter information - organisation

Q17

Respondent skipped this question

Organisation name

Q18

Respondent skipped this question

Organisation type

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Is it a Māori-led organisation?

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

Where is the headquarters of the organisation?

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

What best describes the use of Mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge) in your organisation?

Page 9: Section 3: Research Priorities

Q22

Priorities design: What principles could be used to determine the scope and focus of research Priorities?(See page 27 of the Green Paper for additional information related to this question)

What will have the most positive impact on the lives of humans around the world.

Q23

Priority-setting process: What principles should guide a national research Priority-setting process, and how can the process best give effect to Te Tiriti?(See pages 28-29 of the Green Paper for additional information related to this question)

Research has nothing to do with Te Tiriti. It is not mentioned in it. It should not inform research priorities in any way.

Q24

Operationalising Priorities: How should the strategy for each national research Priority be set and how do we operationalise them?(See pages 30-33 of the Green Paper for additional information related to this question)

Experts should be consulted in their fields internationally and nationally to determine the most important and tractable research areas and those should attempt to be matched with nzs current capabilities.

Page 10: Section 4: Te Tiriti, mātauranga Māori, and Māori aspirations

Q25

Engagement: How should we engage with Māori and Treaty Partners?(See page 38 of the Green Paper for additional information related to this question)

Science communication outreach etc is all a good idea to better explain what science is.

Q26

Mātauranga Māori: What are your thoughts on how to enable and protect mātauranga Māori in the research system?(See pages 38-39 of the Green Paper for additional information related to this question)

Mātauranga Māori should have nothing to do with the research system. There should be one standard to judge research priorities which is what will make the biggest improvement to peoples lives. If MM can reach that standard then it can be funded as such. But making every single researcher address how their research relates to MM is absurd and a terrible waste of time focus and resources that will just drive away the best researchers from NZ. The reality is the vast amount of scientific research will have nothing to do with it and that should be fine.

Q27

Regionally based Māori knowledge hubs: What are your thoughts on regionally based Māori knowledge hubs?(See page 39 of the Green Paper for additional information related to this question)

This sounds like a total waste of money. There are huge benefits from concentrating researchers in cities there is extremely good evidence on this. Spreading them out even further will be counter productive.

Page 11: Section 5: Funding

Q28

Respondent skipped this question

Core Functions: How should we decide what constitutes a core function, and how do we fund them?(See pages 44-46 of the Green Paper for additional information related to this question)

Q29

Not sure

Establishing a base grant and base grant design: Do you think a base grant funding model will improve stability and resilience for research organisations?(See pages 46-49 of the Green Paper for additional information related to this question)

Q30

Establishing a base grant and base grant design: How should we go about designing and implementing such a funding model?(See pages 46-49 of the Green Paper for additional information related to this question)

The problem with base grants is whoever gets in first is successful and just gets to sit on that money for their whole career while early career people come in and can't access it and can't get a permanent position and so are stuck begging from the established researchers who have permanent money. Researchers need permanent stable positions. But everything other than that should be awarded on a competitive basis. And stability should be shared equally. Ie whatever level of job security is appropriate all researchers should have the same level. Rather than a group of people on very stable contracts and a huge number on very unstable fixed term contracts.

Page 12: Section 6: Institutions

Q31

Institution design: How do we design collaborative, adaptive and agile research institutions that will serve current and future needs?(See pages 57-58 of the Green Paper for additional information related to this question)

Hierarchy in research institutions is a big problem. They need to be made much flatter with people free to collaborate with whoever they want and not dependent on one or two people who pay their salary and have power over them. If you want collaborators you should need to continually win them over. Not hold them to you because of the funding you control.

Q32

Respondent skipped this question

Role of institutions in workforce development: How can institutions be designed to better support capability, skill and workforce development?(See page 58 of the Green Paper for additional information related to this question)

Q33

Respondent skipped this question

Better coordinated property and capital investment: How should we make decisions on large property and capital investments under a more coordinated approach?(See pages 58-59 of the Green Paper for additional information related to this question)

Q34

Respondent skipped this question

Institution design and Te Tiriti: How do we design Tiriti-enabled institutions? (See page 59 of the Green Paper for additional information related to this question)

Q35

Respondent skipped this question

Knowledge exchange: How do we better support knowledge exchange and impact generation? What should be the role of research institutions in transferring knowledge into operational environments and technologies?(See pages 60-63 of the Green Paper for additional information related to this question)

Page 13: Section 7: Research workforce

Q36

Workforce and research Priorities: How should we include workforce considerations in the design of national research Priorities?(See pages 69-70 of the Green Paper for additional information related to this question)

Workers need stable positions. Not a group of stable professors who control the funding and rule over many people on short term contracts. This is an unhealthy environment that does not lead to good collaborative science.

Q37

Base grant and workforce: What impact would a base grant have on the research workforce?(See pages 70-71 of the Green Paper for additional information related to this question)

It could cause a group of senior scientists with secure positions who employ insecure group to take advantage and have unfair advantage.

Q38

Better designed funding mechanisms: How do we design new funding mechanisms that strongly focus on workforce outcomes? (See page 72 of the Green Paper for additional information related to this question)

Don't give money to hire people on short term contracts for specific short term projects. It is ineffective and cruel and stops people working on things most effectively

Page 14: Section 8: Research infrastructure

Q39

Respondent skipped this question

Funding research infrastructure: How do we support sustainable, efficient and enabling investment in research infrastructure?(See pages 77-78 of the Green Paper for additional information related to this question)
