

## IIMHL & IIDL Leadership Briefing XVI

### Aotearoa/New Zealand briefing papers re COVID-19: Koi Tū series of papers discussing the implications for Aotearoa

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#### Introduction

The Centre was established in 2019 and named in February 2020, as **Koi Tū: the Centre for Informed Futures**.

**Koi Tū** is the Māori name for the Centre for Informed Futures. We are grateful to local iwi Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei for gifting this name, which encapsulates the intent of the Centre. *Koi* is to be bright; to be clever; it is the sharp point of the arrow. The Centre seeks to be *koi* by integrating the various knowledge disciplines and to inform people through true engagement and a holistic approach. The Centre places itself at the sharp end of long-term issues of complexity such as societal resilience and social cohesion, sustainability, human capital development and societal decision-making regarding emergent technologies. *Tū* is to stand, to set in place and infers resilience. The Centre seeks to be futures focused, addressing areas of national and global concerns. The Centre is committed to making a stand and to inform societal and policy decisions over the middle and long term.

There are six papers in this series. All have implications for mental health.

#### 1. **The Future Is Now: Implications of COVID-19 for New Zealand – A Koi Tū discussion paper**

April 2020

Koi Tū has released its discussion paper, titled *The Future Is Now: Implications of COVID-19 for New Zealand*, which focuses on the long-term challenges and opportunities posed by this hugely disruptive crisis, and how New Zealand's future can be shaped in an informed and inclusive way.

<https://informedfutures.org/wp-content/uploads/Koi-T%C5%AB-The-Future-is-Now.pdf>

#### 2. **He Oranga Hou: Social cohesion in a post-COVID world**

May 2020

The second discussion paper of the *Koi Tū: The Future is Now Series*, titled *He Oranga Hou: Social cohesion in a post-COVID world*, examines the critical issue of

how New Zealand's strong national unity during lockdown will become increasingly tested as economic consequences are more and more acutely felt. In mapping out the paths to return to the 'new normal', how do we ensure that social cohesion is maintained?

<https://informedfutures.org/wp-content/uploads/Social-Cohesion-in-a-Post-Covid-World.pdf>

### **3. New Zealand's place in the world: the implications of COVID-19**

May 2020

The third discussion paper in Koi Tū's *The Future is Now* Conversations Series, titled *New Zealand's place in the world: the implications of COVID-19*, discusses how New Zealand can leverage its high international standing and hopefully COVID-19-free status for economic and diplomatic advantage. The insights from this paper have been informed by two focus groups comprising experts in domestic and international trade, diplomacy, and strategy.

<https://informedfutures.org/wp-content/uploads/NZs-place-in-the-world-the-implications-of-COVID-19.pdf>

### **4. The Environment is Now**

May 2020

The fourth discussion paper in Koi Tū's *The Future is Now* Conversations Series, titled *The Environment is Now*, discusses the centrality of environmental sustainability in decisions about New Zealand's future.

<https://informedfutures.org/wp-content/uploads/The-Environment-is-Now.pdf>

### **5. Protecting and Promoting Mental Wellbeing: Beyond Covid-19**

June 2020

The fifth discussion paper from the Koi Tū 'The Future is Now' Conversation Series, *Protecting and Promoting Mental Wellbeing: Beyond COVID-19*, focuses on mitigating the threats posed by COVID-19 to the mental wellbeing of New Zealanders – both the already vulnerable sectors of society, as well as newly at-risk individuals facing major, unexpected disruptions in their lives.

<https://informedfutures.org/wp-content/uploads/Protecting-and-Promoting-Mental-Wellbeing.pdf>

### **6. The Future of Food & the Primary Sector: The journey to sustainability**

June 2020

Along with its major social wellbeing implications, the COVID-19 pandemic is changing the economic shape of our country in profound ways. Although our robust tourism sector has been stopped in its tracks, fortuitously, our food industry is growing, and global demand remains buoyant. Our food production and processing industry remains a key part of our economic and environmental future.

<https://informedfutures.org/wp-content/uploads/The-Future-of-Food-The-Primary-Sector.pdf>