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**CERD COMMITTEE NEW ZEALAND 18-20TH REPORT
CHILD ADVOCACY**

LIST OF THEMES

Looking at the List of Themes I identified the following as relevant for children in New Zealand and they need to be addressed for Maori and Pasifika children particularly.

Q 2 (a) Impact of economic downturn (Maori Youth unemployment) (Govt para 124)

Q2(b) Maori & Pasifika health- infant mortality (Govt para 10, 162-3)

Q 2 (c) Maori & Pasifika housing (Govt para 190-192)

Q2(e) Maori Truancy (Govt para 141) and Pasifika under performing (Govt para 145)

Q2(i) Maori & Juvenile justice (Govt para 90-97)

Q2 (m) Structural discrimination health, education, economic prosperity.

Q3(c) Operation 8 (Ruatoki) IPCA report outcome (Govt para 113)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Appendix 1 gives background information on a wide range of issues I have collated as part of a project for Child Advocacy and Human Rights Treaties and that are appropriate to the Committee's work.

MAORI AFFAIRS PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE ENQUIRY

An Inquiry into the determinants of wellbeing for Maori children received 160 submissions- required by March 2012. No report has yet been issued. The submissions are available at: http://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/PB/SC/BusSum/9/d/f/00DBSCH_INQ_11080_1-Inquiry-into-the-determinants-of-wellbeing-for.htm

Of particular interest are those of: the Children's Commissioner (2), Child Poverty Action Group, Dr Liz Gordon, Maori Party National Council Leadership, Dr Elizabeth Craig, Manaia Health Primary Health Organisation, Human Rights Commission, Families Commission, UNICEF NZ, NZ School Trustee Association.

MAORI & PASIFIKA CHILDREN'S HEALTH

A. Te Ohonga Ake

Part 1 'Children and Young People with Chronic Conditions and Disabilities' aims to:

1. Review the secondary health service utilisation patterns of Māori children and young people with chronic conditions and disabilities, using hospital admission data.
2. Review the distribution of, and risk factors for, overweight and obesity in Māori children using available national survey data.
3. Explore the prevalence of congenital anomalies evident at birth in Māori babies, and consider in more detail, those anomalies which are likely to lead to long term disability.

Part 2: 'The New Zealand Children's Social Health Monitor' then considers how Māori children are faring during the current economic downturn.

B The Children's Social Health monitor, New Zealand

In New Zealand, there are currently large disparities in child health status, with Māori and Pacific children and those living in more deprived areas experiencing a disproportionate burden of morbidity and mortality. These disparities were present even in the mid 2000s, when New Zealand experienced some of its lowest unemployment rates in recent decades.

This 82 page report looks at economic, health and wellbeing issues with detailed statistics.

C..The cost of child health inequalities in Aotearoa New Zealand: a preliminary scoping study

Health inequalities have been extensively documented, internationally and in New Zealand. The cost of reducing health inequities is often perceived as high; however, recent international studies suggest the cost of "doing nothing" is itself significant. This study aimed to develop a preliminary estimate of the economic cost of health inequities between Māori (indigenous) and non-Māori children in New Zealand.

MAORI & PASIFIKA EDUCATION

A. Pasifika Education Plan 2013- 17

The Pasifika Education Plan – 2013 – 2017 (PEP) is aimed at raising Pasifika learners' participation, engagement and achievement from early learning through to tertiary education. A key goal for Government is to create the conditions for strong, vibrant and successful Pasifika communities

B Maori education

- i) Te Kotahitanga: Maintaining, replicating and sustaining change.

The purpose of this report is to document the outcomes of the implementation of Te Kotahitanga in Phase 3 and 4 secondary schools from 2007 to 2010

ii) *Ka Hikitia – Managing for Success 2008–2012*: the Government’s Māori education strategy is coming to an end.

“We will be redeveloping the strategy for another five years. It will be called *Ka Hikitia – Accelerating Success 2013–2017* and it will focus on getting an even greater step-up in achievement for and with Māori learners.”

OPERATION 8 RUATOKI

Arising from some work in respect of OPCAT I asked the IPCA when their report was due and was informed it is around three months away. Maori Children were caught in the raid but details are sketchy.

AUTHORS NOTE

I am a layman interested in UNCROC issues for 10 years on a voluntary basis. I was heavily involved in the civil society 3rd & 4th Periodic Report (ACYA), and I subsequently made a personal submission for ICCPR matters and for the Maori Affairs Select Committee

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APPENDIX 1

CERD LIST OF THEMES: CHILD ADVOCACY WORK NOTES

BACKGROUND

The Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination has issued a List of Themes for the 18-20th Reports and civil society submissions are due 31 January 2013.

The text is available at:

<http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/CERD.C.NZL.Q.18-20.pdf>

The Government report is at:

<http://www.justice.govt.nz/policy/constitutional-law-and-human-rights/human-rights/international-human-rights-instruments/international-human-rights-instruments-1/procedures-relating-to-the-core-human-rights-instruments-of-the-united-nations/documents-and-other-information-relating-to-the-core-human-rights-instruments-ratified-by-new-zealand/documents-and-other-information-relating-to-the-core-human-rights-instruments-ratified-by-new-zealand>

RECORDS

1. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

A. Race Relations Report 2011

<http://www.hrc.co.nz/race-relations/annual-review-of-race-relations/race-relations-in-2011>

B. HR in NZ 2010

<http://www.hrc.co.nz/human-rights-environment/human-rights-in-new-zealand-2010/>

C. Māori children denied basic human rights

Written and oral submissions to Maori Select sub committee

<http://www.hrc.co.nz/2012/maori-children-denied-basic-human-rights>

2. WHITE PAPER FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN

Report, work schedule, and detail of Green Paper report and submissions

White Paper full report: Maori pages 6, 18 & 25. Pasifika page 25

<http://www.childrensactionplan.govt.nz/>

3. HEALTH MONITORING

A. Te Ohonga Ake

The Health of Mori children and Young people with chronic conditions and disabilities in New Zealand, March 2012, Elizabeth Craig & others 190 pages

<http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/health-maori-children-and-young-people-chronic-conditions-and-disabilities>

B. The Children's Social Health monitor, New Zealand

<http://www.nzchildren.co.nz/>

C. The cost of child health inequalities in Aotearoa New Zealand: a preliminary scoping study

<https://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/12/384/>

4 EDUCATION

A. Pasifika education Plan 2013- 17

<http://www.minedu.govt.nz/NZEducation/EducationPolicies/PasifikaEducation/PasifikaEducationPlan2013.aspx>

B Maori education

(i). Te Kotahitanga: Maintaining, replicating and sustaining change

<http://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/publications/series/9977/te-kotahitanga>

(ii). About Maori Education

<http://www.minedu.govt.nz/NZEducation/EducationPolicies/MaoriEducation/AboutMaoriEducation.aspx>

5 MAORI ISSUES

A. Maori Affairs Select Committee

Inquiry into the determinants of wellbeing for Maori children

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B. Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous people

<http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/unsrnz11.pdf>

C Maori Labour Market Fact sheets: September 2012

(i). Gives Maori Employment rates, Unemployment, NEET* rates

<http://www.dol.govt.nz/publications/lmr/pdfs/lmr-fs/lmr-fs-maori-sep12.pdf>

(ii). Youth labour Market Factsheet: September 2012

Gives Maori NEET* rate as 22.7%, Pasifika 18.7% European 11.7%

<http://www.dol.govt.nz/publications/lmr/pdfs/lmr-fs/lmr-fs-youth-sep12.pdf>

* Not in Education, Employment or Training (Age 15-24)

6 SOLUTIONS TO CHILD POVERTY IN NEW ZEALAND:

Children's Commissioner Expert Advisory Group

A. Issues and Options paper for consultation

Maori: See pages 16-20, Pasifika 21-24

B Evidence for Action

(i) Maori recommendations (pages 50/1): 31 Poverty reductions, 32 Housing, 33 Young Maori employment, 34/5 health, 36 education, 37 data collection

(ii) Pasifika recommendations (pages 52/3) 38 Poverty reduction, 39 social services, 40/1 Housing, 42 Education, 43 Young Pasifika employment, 44 health, 45 Data collection

Note: The main body of text needs to be considered when looking at particular issues.

http://www.occ.org.nz/publications/child_poverty

7 HUMAN RIGHTS DOCUMENTATION (PERSONAL WORK PAPERS)

UNCROC Articles and Human rights Treaties Data Doc 8

Extract from draft in respect of UNCROC Art 30 and relevant other HRT Articles and extracts from Periodic Reporting documentation.

30	Minority rights (Children of minorities or indigenous populations) CRC CO Feb 2011 Maori/indigenous children para 11(a), 25(a), 25(b), 31, 37, 39, 45(b), 57 & 61.	CAT 2. 10; CEDAW 10; CERD Generally and 2, 5 & 7; ICCPR 24; ICESCR 15.1 (cultural rights) CAT List of Issues May 2012 Art 2 para
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	<p>Pacific Islanders 25b, 31, 45(b) Treaty of Waitangi 57</p>	<p>3 rights of minorities Art 10 para 18 Maori offending causation (implicit)</p> <p>CEDAW Periodic Report CO July 2012 Education para 30c decrease dropout rates for Maori girls</p> <p>CERD 20TH Govt Report February 2012 ARTICLE 2 51 Family violence- Maori Reference Group : 5 priority goals 52 Family violence Pasifika 56 Ministry of Womens Affairs :Young Maori 57 Green paper for vulnerable children</p> <p>ARTICLE 5 <i>Criminal Justice System</i> Para 92 Rangatahi Courts; Christchurch Youth Drug court; Intensive Monitoring- Auckland 104 Maori youth offending: prevention services 108 Youth Justice: Maori over representation 113 Operation 8 Ruatoki</p> <p><i>Education</i> <i>Maori education(etc)</i> 138/41 Background 142 Ka Hikitia 143/6 Pasifika 147/151 Refugee Education 152/3 Undocumented children 154 Te reo Maori</p> <p>Health 163--173 Maori & Pasifika health Housing 190/1 overcrowding</p> <p>CERD List of Themes Dec 2012 Q2 b, health; c housing; e Truancy/under performance; i Juvenile justice Q 3 c Operation 8 (Ruatoki)</p>
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		<p>ICESCR Report CO May 2012 Para 12 Disparity of outcomes Para 26 Maori rights</p> <p>Special Rapporteur Indigenous Persons May 2011 Para 59 Education: ECE, School results Para 61 Health: immunisation uptake Para 62 Youth justice: offending rates</p> <p>UPR First Report May 2009 Rec 8-10 Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Rec 25-28,30-32 disparity of Outcomes</p>
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