

# Hon Penny Simmonds

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Dear Sue

## **Te Pūkenga Statement of Intent 2026-2029 and Statement of Performance Expectations 2026**

As you are aware, the Government's has decided to disestablish Te Pūkenga and legislation is currently before the House to that effect. Therefore, under section 139B(3) of the Crown Entities Act 2004 I have granted a waiver of the requirement for Te Pūkenga to produce a Statement of Intent (SOI) for the 2026 to 2029 period.

Section 139B(4) of the Crown Entities Act 2004 requires Te Pūkenga to publish notice of the waiver online, including my reason for granting it. The waiver must also be included in Te Pūkenga's next annual report.

No such provision exists in the Crown Entities Act 2004 to waive the requirement for a Statement of Performance Expectations (SPE). As such, Te Pūkenga must publish an SPE for 2026 before the beginning of the upcoming financial year. I note that, given the disestablishment underway, the SPE Te Pūkenga produces for the 2026 financial year is likely to be a simplified document which may have adjusted performance measures compared with previous SPEs.

I look forward to receiving your draft SPE at least two months prior to the start of the 2026 financial year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Penny Simmonds', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

**Hon Penny Simmonds**  
**Minister for Vocational Education**

cc Gus Gilmore, Chief Executive, Te Pūkenga  
Tim Fowler, Chief Executive, Tertiary Education Commission