# **Nutrition Society of NZ Te Tiriti o Waitangi Statement**

NSNZ acknowledges that until recently, whilst publicly acknowledging the existence of Te Tiriti and a commitment to it, NSNZ had not actively sought to be a good partner in this space, for members or the industry. For this, the NSNZ council has apologised (1/3/22) both directly to the Māori nutritionists rōpū members and at the NSNZ 2022 Conference to all attendees. At conference it was also publicly announced about the deeper undertakings by NSNZ council and that this will also filter out to the wider membership and with hope the nutrition industry as a whole.

These undertakings seek to ensure a culturally safe space for Māori nutrition students and nutritionists, equity in Māori health outcomes, and shared and informed decision making in our industry training and leadership.

**NSNZ Council**

* Lead from the front in this mahi – undertaking own development and keeping it as standing discussion item on each agenda for continued growth and improvement.
* All council members will take a role in providing articles for shared discussion and further learnings.
* Embrace inclusion of more te reo Māori in our correspondence.
* Use karakia in meetings.
* Advocacy to and liaison with our tertiary providers to undertake to ensure increased TTOW teachings embedded in university curriculum.
* Continued support of our Māori Nutritionists rōpū and open to hearing their feedback.
* Undertake to investigate appropriate financial support to increase equity of access to the nutrition industry for future and current Māori nutritionists.

Council will be transparent on this journey and openly communicate about progress with members and relevant parties. They also commit to receiving feedback without defensiveness and with an openness to grow and improve.

**All NSNZ Membership**

* Increased expectation to undertake own learnings about how Te Tiriti is important across our industry and individual mahi
* Evidence continued undertakings in this space in our ongoing continuing competency for ARNutr and RNutr.
* *This document is a living commitment to this process and progress. We will continue to update it as appropriate.*