



People's Inquiry 2020

A paradigm shift in thinking towards a poison-free Aotearoa

Te Huarahi Tika – The Right Pathway

The People's Inquiry 2020 resulted from a meeting held April this year which included organisers of the [2006 People's Inquiry](#). In mid-November a strong alliance of people and organisations gathered in Auckland to begin plans for the People's Inquiry 2020.

The *People's Inquiry into the Impacts and Effects of Toxic Chemicals and Poisons on our People, Wildlife and Environment* will take place in mid-2020 and submissions will be open to everyone in New Zealand.

The organisers said that although researchers and activists have been working tirelessly over many decades to create change and raise awareness around these issues, the use of toxic chemicals and practices continues and the harm created is largely ignored by those in positions of authority.

“This must change and we see a People's Inquiry as a catalyst for that change. We see strength in a broad environmental cross-disciplinary alliance focused on a paradigm shift towards our shared aspiration for a truly clean, safe and sustainable environment for all.”

Hana Blackmore, one of the team, and Convener of the first NZ People's Inquiry in 2006, said that giving people an opportunity to tell their story and share their experience is a fundamental part of the Inquiry.

“But just as important, the Inquiry will also have a solutions-based focus. It will invite, encourage and welcome testimony from those working with established and newly developed solutions and innovations that will help us shift away from harmful practices to non-toxic sustainable ones,” she said.

The Inquiry website is being set up and aims to go live in the New Year. People will be able to register their interest in giving evidence to the People's Inquiry 2020. Testimony will be written with options to present at one of the hearings with invited commissioners or via a virtual internet link.

All the news and information about the People's Inquiry 2020 and how to make a submission or support the work will be posted as the website is developed.

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