

Regional Summary – ICT Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, 10 November 2025

Location: Online | 9:30 AM – 3:15 PM

Decisions

- Previous Minutes: March 2025 minutes confirmed.
- Extremism Guidelines: ICTAC to consider involvement in developing advice for members on responding to extremism and online harm.

Major Discussions

Critical Media Literacy:

- PLD opportunities identified (e.g., Classification Office outreach).
- Teachers should not be solely responsible for addressing extremism; involve senior leaders and specialists.
- Parental engagement and appropriate support (e.g., counsellors) emphasised.

NZQA AI Marking Update:

- AI-assisted marking scaled up for CAA in 2024; aims to speed feedback and reduce costs.
- Concerns raised about bias, transparency, and equity.
- NZQA assured assessment forms will remain unchanged; future improvements in student feedback are possible.

MOE Guidance on AI:

- Updated advice published on safe AI use in assessment.
- Emphasis on teacher responsibility for NCEA grades; AI should reduce workload in low-stakes contexts.
- Issues discussed: privacy, student awareness, Māori data sovereignty, and intellectual property.

Executive Paper on AI Policy:

- PPTA developing policy position on AI marking; ethical and practical considerations noted.

Industrial Update (STCA):

- ERA directed PPTA to facilitation, a non-binding process.

ICTAC Concerns:

- Ergonomic workspaces flagged for future PPTA News article.
- AI detectors deemed unreliable; MOE does not recommend their use.
- Infrastructure needs for digital assessments highlighted.

N4L and MOE - Digital:

- Reinforced the importance of MFA, password hygiene, patching, and cloud backups.
- Zero Data initiative promoted for equitable access to essential online resources.

Zero data is a joint initiative between several government agencies. It enables access to multiple governmental, school and other essential websites even if you're out of mobile data. The purpose of Zero Data is to ensure all NZers can access essential information and digital services. It is a helpful resource that is currently underused. All you need is a device connected to the Spark, Skinny, One NZ, 2degrees, Warehouse Mobile, Slingshot or Orcon mobile networks. Visit zero.govt.nz to see the full range of websites you can access for free.

Next Steps

- ICTAC to liaise with taskforce on extremism guidelines.
- Monitor NZQA and MOE developments on AI marking and policy.
- Plan article on ergonomic workspaces for PPTA News.
- Continue advocacy for infrastructure to support digital assessments.

Next Meeting: Similar schedule to 2025; dates to be confirmed.

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