

Submission by



to

Stats NZ Tatauranga Aotearoa

on

The Future of Occupation Classifications in Aotearoa New Zealand

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NZTECH SUBMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF OCCUPATION CLASSIFICATIONS IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

INTRODUCTION

NZTech welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the Future of Occupation Classifications in Aotearoa New Zealand consultation process.

ABOUT NZTECH

NZTech is a not-for-profit, non-governmental (NGO) membership-funded organisation whose purpose is to create a safer, more equitable, sustainable and prosperous Aotearoa New Zealand underpinned by good technology. We bring together the NZ Tech Alliance and represent 24 tech associations such as AgriTechNZ, BioTechNZ, FinTechNZ, the AI Forum, the NZ Game Developers Association, Digital Health, Digital Identity NZ and more. Collectively our members employ 10 percent of the New Zealand workforce, comprising startups, local tech firms, multinationals, education providers, financial institutions, major corporations, network providers, hi-tech manufacturers and government agencies that work closely with the tech ecosystem.

COMMENT

We recognise the need to revise the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO). As the Discussion Document notes, the labour market and economy have changed dramatically and the current classification is now out of date.

A key contributing factor to this is how quickly technology and supporting occupations are evolving. Examples of digital and related occupational roles that have emerged very recently include Digital Community Manager and Prompt Manager, to name just two. Any new framework of occupation classification therefore needs to be flexible enough to meet this rapid pace of change.

For these reasons we support Stats NZ's preferred option to develop an independent New Zealand classification that is aligned to Australia.

CONCLUSION

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Discussion Document. We are happy to engage further on this important process.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graeme Muller', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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