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**A New Zealand framework and model to review and evaluate gambling harm legislation and regulations from a Maori perspective.**

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Powhiri is a concept and process that takes place in many everyday settings in New Zealand. A model based upon recognition of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the concept and process of powhiri will be presented as a framework and model to evaluate whether the new Gambling Act 2003 and gambling harm minimisation regulations introduced into New Zealand are likely to be effective for Maori and therefore for other New Zealanders.

The model supports a public health approach to reducing gambling related harm and advocates that indigenous peoples' concepts and values should be recognised in the design of public health interventions. Otherwise interventions which introduced by Governments and or their agents, such as those which have occurred in New Zealand in relation to gambling, may produce little benefit and could add to increasing the disparities in health and wellbeing for Maori.