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**Towards Tāne Mahuta – Aotearoa New Zealand evaluators reflect on their practice when working with Māori**

A poster

*Abstract*

An important component of 'good practice' evaluation in Aotearoa / New Zealand (and Australia) includes having the competence and the capability to use culturally appropriate processes. In New Zealand there are particular and specific 'culturally appropriate' processes that apply when evaluating programmes by, for and with Māori. Good practice guidelines exist, such as the Social Policy Evaluation and Research (SPEAR) Best Practice Guidelines Māori.

In June 2008 the Wellington region of the AES held a half day facilitated discussion to reflect on the New Zealand Social Policy Evaluation & Research (SPEAR) good practice guidelines for evaluation with Māori.

This poster is a visual report back of the learning from this workshop. It is intended that the poster will engage a wider audience in informal discussion of the issues as they relate to evaluation practice in Australasia.

### *Justification Statement*

This workshop is relevant to all three sub-themes of the conference ('value for whom?', 'whose values?' and 'optimising value'). An important component of 'good practice' evaluation in Aotearoa / New Zealand (and Australia) includes having the competence and the capability to use culturally appropriate processes. In New Zealand there are particular and specific 'culturally appropriate' processes that apply when evaluating programmes by, for and with Māori. Good practice guidelines exist, such as the Social Policy Evaluation and Research (SPEAR) Best Practice Guidelines Māori, but to date there have been few opportunities for evaluators to discuss and reflect on these guidelines and principles in relation to their own evaluation practice.

### *Other Information*

The poster sits alongside two other 'events' planned at the AES Perth conference:

- A facilitated workshop 'Professional development reflective practice exercise: evaluators' engagement with 'good practice' guidelines for evaluation with indigenous peoples'
- A symposium to report on and gain input to the activities undertaken by the AES in the past year to advance its Indigenous strategy to improve the conduct of evaluation of in and with Indigenous peoples.

The poster will also contribute to strategic work being undertaken in New Zealand by the AES and ANZEA to progress the development of good practice guidelines for Māori.

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