

# ***Policing Directions in New Zealand for the 21st Century***

***A summary of the government's discussion document on a new Policing Act, out for public consultation during June and July 2007.***

## ***The discussion document:***

- Outlines parts of the current Act requiring change
- Proposes directions for new legislation.

## ***Proposed policing directions***

### ***Principles to guide policing***

Establishing principles for policing. These might include:

- Maintaining Police impartiality
- Upholding appropriate standards of conduct and integrity
- Providing strong links with communities.

### ***Effective policing***

Bolstering Police effectiveness by:

- Reinforcing clear command and control of Police
- Allowing faster identification of detained people
- Enabling modern policing tactics to fight serious and organised crime.

### ***People in policing***

Supporting a modern Police workforce by:

- Strengthening pre-employment vetting
- Creating a common set of employment conditions for staff
- Introducing a single *Code of Conduct* for all staff
- Tailoring the assignment of police powers to specific roles.

***To find out more visit [www.policeact.govt.nz](http://www.policeact.govt.nz)***

## ***Platforms for success***

Improving the oversight and management of Police by:

- Confirming the legal status and functions of Police
- Clarifying the relationship between Police and government
- Strengthening accountability for Police performance
- Ensuring industrial action doesn't affect policing.

## ***Anticipating the future***

Exploring ways to 'future proof' the legislation by:

- Allowing for technology changes
- Potentially expanding the use of infringement notices for lower-level offences (e.g., liquor ban breaches)
- Considering integrity testing to support ethical behaviour
- Looking at cost recovery for special policing services.

## ***Have your say***

Government wants to hear your views. Copies of the discussion document are available from [www.policeact.govt.nz](http://www.policeact.govt.nz), public libraries and local police stations.

There are several ways to make your views known.

### ***Online responses***

Use the consultation form on the Police Act Review website [www.policeact.govt.nz/consultation](http://www.policeact.govt.nz/consultation)

### ***Public meetings***

A series of public meetings will be held during June and July 2007. These will be advertised locally.

### ***Written comments***

Written comments can be made by email, fax or post.

Emails can be sent to: [policeact@police.govt.nz](mailto:policeact@police.govt.nz). Faxes can be sent to (04) 498 7400. Postal responses can be sent to:

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Responses to this consultation close on **31 July 2007**.

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