



Section 27 Cultural Assessment Services

Since January this year, WERA Consultants Ltd (WERA) has been engaged to provide Section 27 Cultural Assessment Services for local law firms in the Central North Island. We have been receiving positive comments from lawyers and judges ultimately supporting your clients.

We have a team of Maori Cultural Assessors currently providing Section 27 Cultural Assessments who are ready to engage and support referrals.

Section 27 Cultural Assessments include the following:

- Assessment of Te Whare Tapa Wha - A Maori health model focusing on: whanau, physical, spiritual and mental health.
- Assessment of Te Ao Maori - Tikanga and Te Reo Maori (Maori practices and beliefs).
- An assessor's judgement of the cultural connection to culpability for each assessment area.
- Tatau Pounamu: A description of the probability and activities required for reconciliation between the offender and the victim.
- A community, whanau, hapu and iwi based re-integration and cultural development plan for the offender as an alternative to imprisonment.

If you have a client that you feel will benefit from a Section 27 Cultural Assessment please contact Rachael at info@wact.org.nz or call 07 3461337.

Israel Hawkins

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Director

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