Restorative Justice after the 2019 Christchurch Mosques attack: Wayfinding on a Road Less Travelled...

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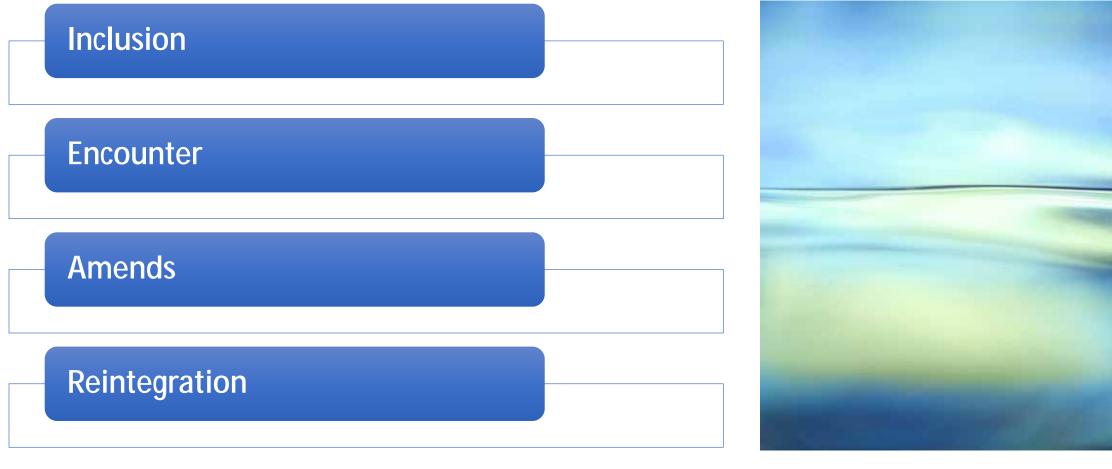
Social Cohesion

RCOI Report

The limited nature of a national dialogue about social cohesion was raised with us by communities, domestic and international experts and our Muslim Community Reference Group. A consistent view was that there is a need for a broad public discussion on what it means...how it relates to...Te Tiriti o Waitangi and how it might be used to underpin policy development and service delivery.

Core elements: belonging, inclusion, participation, recognition, and legitimacy

Restorative Core Values



Van Ness and Strong (2015)

Integrating RJ and Social Cohesion Restorative Social Justice Cohesion Encounter Participation Recognition Reintegration Belonging

Bicultural Values
Hohourongo, Manāki, Whanaungatanga,
Mana, Humanity, Hospitality, Mutual
Responsibility

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Direct the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in collaboration with relevant Public Sector agencies to discuss with affected whānau, survivors and witnesses of the 15 March 2019 terrorist attack what, if any, restorative justice processes might be desired and how such processes might be designed and resourced.



The story of the journey

Phase 1: Orienting the restorative compass and finding fellow travellers

Phase 2: Mapping pathways and engaging stakeholders

Phase 3: Disorienting, Reorienting

Phase 4: Exploring new pathways, meeting new (old) travellers

Learnings

- Insufficient Māori and Local Muslim Relationships
- Lack of engagement on the ground early on
- Need for victim-led RJ advocacy group
- Pursing multiple track simultaneously
- Broad framing of restorative approaches
- Clear parameters of engagement with government
- Flexibility
- Local dynamics and traumas



Thank you!

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