

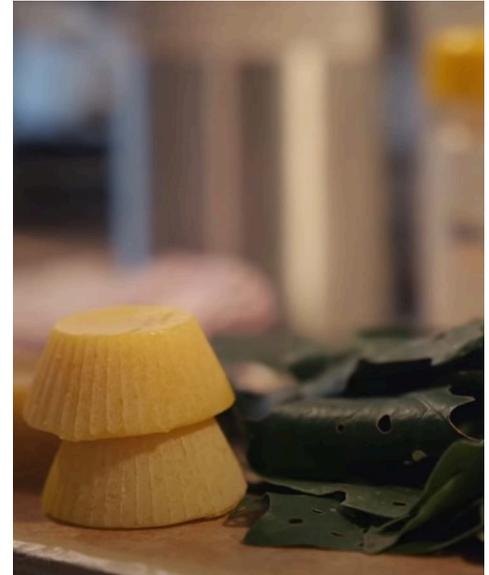
## ADVICE FOR PRACTITIONERS, HEALTHCARE WORKERS & POLICY MAKERS ON HOW TO PROTECT RONGOĀ

### ADVICE FOR RONGOĀ PRACTITIONERS WANTING TO EXPORT GOODS OFFSHORE:

**“Go hard but do it our way”**

*says Ngā Toki Whakarururanga kaihautū Donna Kerridge.*

- Don't allow others to dictate to us how we should practice or what our taonga should look like.
- Ensure you follow tikanga and put the taiao first including reciprocity and balance. Don't take taonga from the taiao if there is not going to be enough left over for it to remain sustained and flourishing. Without the health of the earth there can be no health or wealth for the people. Remember we are all kaitiaki for the next generation and we are each entitled to enough to be well – no more no less.
- There is more to success than financial gain. When money replaces mana as currency in our world, people go hungry.



*Bees wax and kawakawa. Source: File*

### ADVICE FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

It is clear that the current healthcare system is struggling to meet demand and provide a safe and healthy workplace for its people. We know from the outcomes associated with 70,000 ACC kiritaki experiences that rongoā can deliver benefits to the people of this country and help relieve some of the pressure on the current system. We are not in competition with each other, but we can help each other. All that would require is respect for different ways of understanding the world, serving and supporting the people of Aotearoa New Zealand, and ensuring that kiritaki have what they need to make informed choices for themselves. Our people (all peoples) are richer for the choice.

### ADVICE FOR RONGOĀ POLICY MAKERS

Rongoā policy makers, including in MFAT, must:

- Respect rongoā practitioners' rights to apply, use, evolve and trade our taonga according to our respective tikanga. If policies mess with our practices and try to commodify them to look and feel a certain way, the practice could be made unsafe and put both our people and our culture at risk.
- Let us honour our promises to each other, as was agreed by our ancestors in 1840 when Te Tiriti was signed, and the rights to self-determination and to protect and practice traditional medicines under the UNDRIP.
- Play fair. No one group is more entitled than another, including Māori. We must look after the wellbeing of all (not the reported majority) and to do that we must protect the taiao rather than exploit it. It is ludicrous to enable FTAs that give power to overseas corporations at the expense of future generations that will live on this land.