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Media backgrounder on the Manaakitanga Aotearoa Charitable Trust investigation

The Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) commissioned a Deloitte review of the Manaakitanga Aotearoa Charitable Trust (MACT) in October 2014.

This followed an earlier Deloitte investigation at Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi (TWWoA), which found issues with the Hei Manaaki programme. These issues were resolved in 2014.

The Chief Executive of MACT was also head of Maori Performing Arts at TWWoA at the time. MACT was funded by the TEC to deliver Maori Performing Arts courses at Level 4 and Level 6.

Deloitte reported multiple failings in MACT's delivery of Level 4 and Level 6 Māori Performing Arts courses. The TEC withheld funding from October 2014 and ceased funding MACT in 2015.

The Trust's registration as a private training establishment was withdrawn by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) at its request. A separate NZQA review also identified shortcomings. However students' qualifications are not affected.

As a result of this investigation the TEC has sought repayment of \$2.76 million (GST-exclusive) from MACT for under-delivery.

Release of this report brings to a close TEC's investigations into delivery of Māori Performing Arts courses.

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