

## Criteria for Teacher Representatives for EDUCANZ

The Government has abolished your professional body, the Teachers Council, and removed your right to vote for your representatives on its replacement, EDUCANZ.

This removes genuinely representative teachers' voices from the Council.

As a result NZEI's National Executive has decided to do what the Government has failed to do: to run a democratic process with all teachers so that widely-supported teacher representatives can be put forward for the new Council.

We are calling for suggestions for representatives from the early childhood and primary teaching profession of teachers and principals to represent them on EDUCANZ. Representatives should meet the following criteria:

They will be:

1. A fully registered teacher or principal with a current practicing certificate with current employment in an early childhood or primary education setting
2. Recognised by their peers as having a track record of accomplished teaching that prioritises the holistic well-being and success of all learners
3. A strong advocate for teacher professionalism, with an understanding of current trends and pressures within the policy making environment
4. A strong advocate of children's learning
5. Well-regarded in their professional setting with strong effective professional relationships focused on the learning and well-being of ākonga
6. Committed to the bicultural partnership in Aotearoa New Zealand
7. Committed to ongoing professional learning and development, including strong awareness of current research and pedagogy
8. A demonstrated leader of pedagogical practice amongst their peers
9. Actively engaging with parents, whanau and community as part of their teaching practice
10. Able to build and maintain effective professional relationships with diverse audiences
11. Able to work effectively and co-operatively with other council members
12. Knowledgeable about current educational policy and have a demonstrated ability to critique and contribute to policy development at a national level with particular reference to:
  - initial teacher education,
  - education standards,
  - teacher professionalism and
  - teacher development across all sectors.

NZEI Te Riu Roa expects that EDUCANZ members will receive appropriate training in governance skills including finance, legal, organisational performance and development and risk management.