



## The People's Inquiry - Te Uiuinga a te Tāngata

The People's Inquiry into the Impacts and Effects of Toxic Chemicals and Poisons on our People, Wildlife and Environment – *Te Uiuinga e pā ana ki nga Pātanga me nga Tukinotanga a nga Matū Tāoke me nga Paitini ki ngā Tāngata, nga Kararehe Kōwao me te Taiao*

Thank you for your interest in The People's Inquiry 2020! We warmly welcome you to take part in this important undertaking, which we hope will act as a catalyst for positive change in the way toxic chemicals and poisons are used in Aotearoa, New Zealand.

The Inquiry is open from March 2020 and will be accepting written submissions from people in the following key areas:

1. *those negatively affected or harmed by toxic chemicals or poisons, and those wishing to give evidence about their own experiences or situations they have witnessed.*
2. *scientists, researchers and other experts wishing to share their knowledge and expertise on the impacts and effects of toxic chemicals and poisons on the people, wildlife or environment.*
3. *those working with, or wishing to present, non-toxic solutions and alternatives to toxic chemicals and poisons in use.*

We are grateful and humbled at the opportunity to facilitate this Inquiry and to bring to light harms that often remain unseen or largely ignored. Together we can create the change necessary for a truly clean, green, safe and healthy environment for all.

Further information on dates, venues and Commissioners will be announced soon.

Ngā mihi,

[The Executive Committee](http://www.peoplesinquiry2020.nz)  
[www.peoplesinquiry2020.nz](http://www.peoplesinquiry2020.nz)

# About Your Submission

Whether you have been harmed personally, witnessed harm or have important knowledge of the problems or solutions, your submission is important to this Inquiry. Sharing your experience can be a powerful way of bringing healing and raising awareness to others about the impact of toxic chemicals and poisons.

When writing your submission please include any suggestions, ideas and solutions that you have used or know of, as this will be of huge value to the Inquiry.

We recognise the importance of ensuring you are fully supported and kept safe whilst telling your story or sharing your submission. We have created a transparent, easy-to-follow process that is based on mutual respect and compassion.

## Feedback

You can help us improve by providing feedback and suggestions at any time through our [contact form](#). Let us know how we can best support you.

## Helpful Questions

If you are writing a submission about your personal experience and you're not sure where to start here are some [helpful questions](#) for how to write your story.

## Advocates

When you send through your written submission we will arrange for one of our small team of Advocates to get in touch with you to offer any support needed and to check the details you have provided. If you need assistance with your submission, or if you aren't sure about something, Advocates are here to help you.





# How to make your Submission

The People's Inquiry 2020 is accepting **Written Submissions** in three key areas. Please read below and choose the form that best suits your submission type. You need to prepare your submission in a saved word or text document beforehand, with any supporting documents or photos. Then click through to the relevant form below to get started.



## **Harmed or Witness to Harm**

*for those negatively affected or harmed by toxic chemicals or poisons, and those wishing to give evidence about their own experiences or situations they have witnessed.*

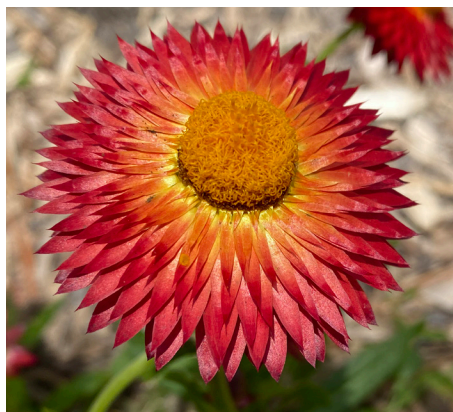
[SUBMISSION FORM 1](#)



## **Scientists, Researchers and Other Experts**

*for scientists, researchers and other experts wishing to share their knowledge and expertise on the impacts and effects of toxic chemicals and poisons on the people, wildlife or environment.*

[SUBMISSION FORM 2](#)



## **Non-Toxic Alternatives and Solutions**

*for those working with, or wishing to present, non-toxic solutions and alternatives to toxic chemicals and poisons in use.*

[SUBMISSION FORM 3](#)

## **Not Sure?**

If you are unsure, or feel your submission does not easily fit into one of the above categories, please use this [contact form](#) to get in touch with us, and we will get back to you.

## Support and Advocacy

Need to talk? Find out [here](#) who you can contact for support. Whether it be moral and emotional support or advice and information, there are support networks available to you. Remember you are never alone, there are always people here ready to help.

## Giving Oral Testimony at the Hearing

In addition to giving your written submission, there will also be an opportunity for you to give oral testimony in person at the PI2020 Hearing in Auckland which will include a panel of specially-chosen Commissioners. Once our panel of Commissioners and The Hearing date have been confirmed, we will let you know.

## Sharing your Story on Film

There may be an opportunity to record your story on film with one of our team. Have a look at some of the stories shared so far on our [Stories on Film Page](#). To register your interest in sharing your story on film, please get in touch via our [contact form](#).

## Donate or Support this Inquiry

This Inquiry is not government funded. We appreciate your financial and voluntary support. You can find out about making a [donation](#) or supporting us in other ways on our website.

**He aha te mea nui o te ao?  
He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!**

**What is the most important thing in the world?  
It is people! It is people! It is people!**

*This whakatauki talks to the importance of human connection and relationships.  
This is what creates community and enables people to flourish.  
It values the human being in all of us and reminds us of what is most  
important – not money, not success, not a job or a thing – it is people.*

