



Directive

Date April 23, 2026

To: Shāw Kwā'a Initial Board

From: Brad Cathers
Minister, Health and Social Services

Re: Ministerial Directive to the Initial Board

The following directive is being given for the purpose of effecting a pause in the implementation of a health authority. The pause in implementation is intended to provide the time required to reassess the transition to a health authority, including engaging with partners and stakeholders.

Pursuant to s.102(1)(c) of the *Health Authority Act*, the initial board and the interim health authority are directed as follows:

Please pause all activities which further the establishment of the health authority. Until directed otherwise, please refrain from engaging in actions or processes undertaken or planned relating to transition or the implementation of provisions of the *Health Authority Act*. Such actions include, but are not limited to, meetings of the initial board and engagement with third parties, and the production of materials or records. Excepted from this pause are meetings that may take place with the Minister of Health and Social Services and the production of materials or records requested by the Minister.

In alignment with the pause in activities by the initial board and interim health authority, the administrative support provided by the Department of Health and Social Services will also cease at the end of April 2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Cathers".

Hon. Brad Cathers
Minister, Health and Social Services