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TOPIC	NEW TECHNOLOGY FRAMEWORK AND UPDATED POLICY
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1.   We thank you for your time, consideration of, and advice on the New Technology Framework and Updated Policy. Please see the attached copy of the latest version of the New Technology Framework and Updated Policy.

2.   The Expert Panels report provided feedback which was helpful and had a high level of detail which was all relevant. The layout of the advice made the feedback easy to read in conjunction with the document to make the relevant changes.

Process taken

3.   We have taken the time to incorporate your advice, seek further external consultation, and testing of the framework on current new technology proposals. Your advice has been considered and alterations have been made adding complimentary value to the New Technology Framework and Policy.

4.   Firstly, the advice was considered by the Emergent Technology Group. The Group were appreciative of the level of detail and recommendations provided which has enabled NZ Police to take the necessary steps to strengthen the documents, and adopt the recommendations to ensure future applications of the Framework and policy will be able to apply necessary considerations when assessing new technology. Your advice has been valuable to maintain a fair and transparent balance of policing.

5.   Secondly, to ensure we had taken appropriate inclusion of your feedback, and to have further independent review of the modified documentation, we reached out to external advisor to review, and have also incorporated their advice.

6.   And lastly, we have applied and tested the framework and policy to new technology proposals to ensure that it is fit for purpose and application.

Key Developments

7.   The Purpose and Scope have been updated to make it clearer what technologies fall inside the Framework, including a diagram to navigate this decision in a clearer format for the proposer.

8.   The principles are an important part of the Framework and the feedback received on the principles was taken onboard. Clarifications have been made to several of the principles to specify their purpose.

9.   The necessity principle has been elaborated and a clearer explanation has been provided on what would make a technology have a 'demonstratable need'.

10. The feedback on one of the principles specifically was valuable for a new learning opportunity and development for the Emergent Technology Group. The principle reflecting our commitment to Māori has been updated to ensure we are inclusive and are prompted to explore the impact on our Māori communities. The area of concern was the lack of reference to a co-design with Māori, the necessary amendments have been made to ensure this principle highlights there will be a partnership through collaboration and co-design. Clarification has been made to ensure there will be considerations of Te Tiriti in the design and proposed use of the technology.

Next steps

11. The final copy of the updated policy will be published and uploaded to our web page.