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Midwifery Council

Via email: feedback@midwiferycouncil.health.nz

Thank you for another opportunity to provide feedback on our Scope of Practice and for taking note of many of the comments that came back to the Council from the first consultation.

This feedback is from the Midwifery Clinical leadership of Waitaha – Midwife Managers and Clinical midwife managers, clinical coordinating midwives and Te Waipounamu Maternity Quality and Safety Coordinators.

We have some concerns about the manner in which the word whānau is used. Although we appreciate using the Te Reo word for everyone does assist in the way in which we create a non-binary approach to our language, we would like to suggest also the use also of the work hāpu in section (c) and (h) and the addition also of the word pēpi.

*c. The kahu pōkai | midwife values mātauranga Māori and other worldviews to provide safe kahu pōkai | midwifery care that promotes **hāpu whānau health and wellbeing and their pēpi**.*

*h. The kahu pōkai | midwife develops the knowledge, skills and cultural expertise to be responsive to meeting the **varied health needs of hāpu whānau and/or their pēpi**. The kahu pōkai | midwife may expand tikanga ako/midwifery practice by undertaking relevant education and gaining expertise, including in wider sexual and reproductive health and infant health care.*

Thank you for considering these additional descriptors whilst the evolution of our understanding of Te Reo advances as a society.

Ngā mihi/Yours sincerely,



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