



# Briefing report

## Education Review Office (ERO): ERO Website Rebuild

Date	12 April 2021
Security Level	N/A
ERO Priority	Low
ERO Reference	M21-29
Date requested	ERO initiated
Date due	ERO initiated
Proactive release	Recommended

Addressee	Action sought	Deadline
<b>Associate Minister of Education</b>	It is recommended that you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Note</b> the key dates of the ERO website launch, i.e go-live day on 19 April 2021; and formal release on 21 April 2021.</li> <li>b) <b>Note</b> that this briefing is recommended for proactive release</li> </ul>	



Attachments:

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Comments:

#### Minister's Office to complete

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Referred to:

Date signed by Minister:



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**Hon Jan Tinetti**  
**Associate Minister of Education**

**Changes to EROs website**

**Purpose**

1. This briefing provides you with information about ERO's website rebuild project and upcoming launch.

**Background**

2. ERO attracts website traffic from a wide audience due to its unique position working within and across New Zealand's schooling system. Our work in evaluating and advising on the quality of pre-tertiary institutions provides information to parents, whānau, Boards, principals, centre management, teachers and support staff.
3. ERO is building a new website to improve the experience for users who want to access topical materials, including:
  - a. Evaluation reports on schools and early learning services.
  - b. Latest research and advice.
4. The new website design aims to provide:
  - a. Improved accessibility for people with disabilities as required under the NZ Government Web Accessibility Standards.
  - b. A plain language writing style.
  - c. New homepage structure that makes it easier for users to find the latest published information.
5. This new design was informed by a 2019 user-analysis survey that showed the current content was not easy to find. Users also wanted more clarity on ERO's role in the education system.
6. The rebuild of the website is also timely as the platform (Common Web Platform) on which it was built will no longer be supported from September 2021.
7. The rebuild comes from ERO's baseline funding and within the internal budget.

**Key dates**

8. The go-live date for the new ERO website is set for Monday 19th April 2021.

9. ERO Chief Executive Nick Pole will announce the new site at the Leaders Forum meeting in Wellington on Wednesday 21 April 2021.

**Recommendations**

10. It is recommended that you:

- a) **Note** the key dates of the ERO website launch, i.e go-live day on 19 April 2021; and formal release on 21 April 2021.
- b) **Note** that this briefing is recommended for proactive release.

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NOTED/APPROVED



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