



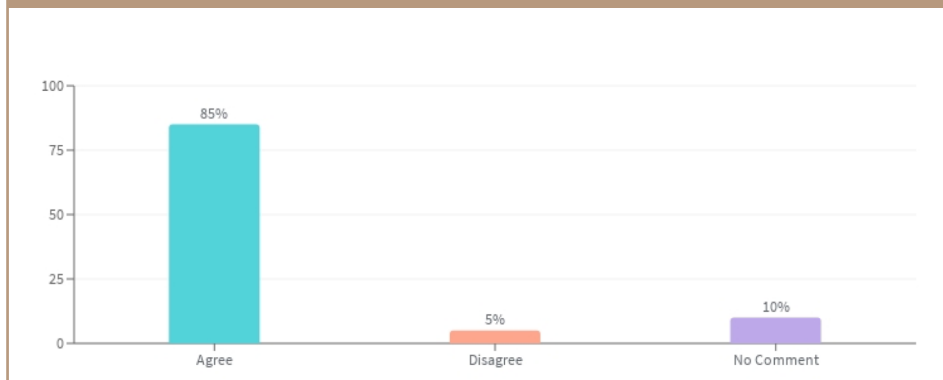
# HE WHENUA TAURIKURA

FIANZ conducted a rapid formative evaluation of the hui by way of a sample survey of those Muslims who attended the hui.

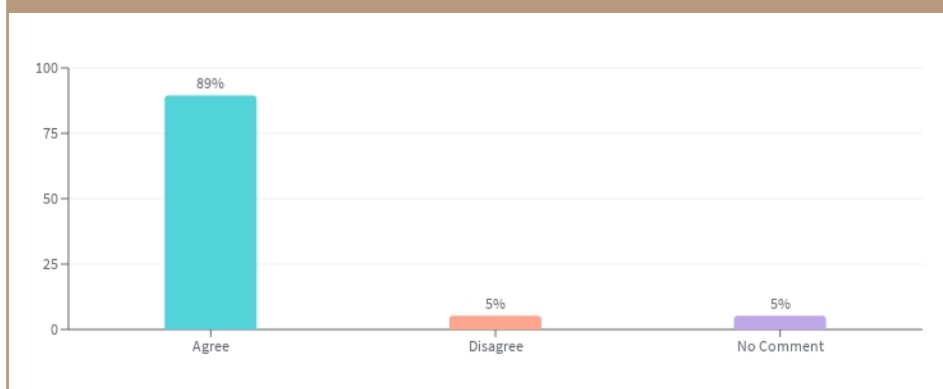
The respondents included youth and adults; males and females; different ethnic and language background groups; affected whanau; and community members from Christchurch and other regions.

The most number of attendees were during the Media session with 322 persons. The average number of attendees across all the sessions was 237. There were 58 Muslims who attended the hui. 39 of them were in at least 5 of the sessions. This survey represents approximately 33% of the Muslim present at the hui.

## Overall, was attending the hui of value to you?



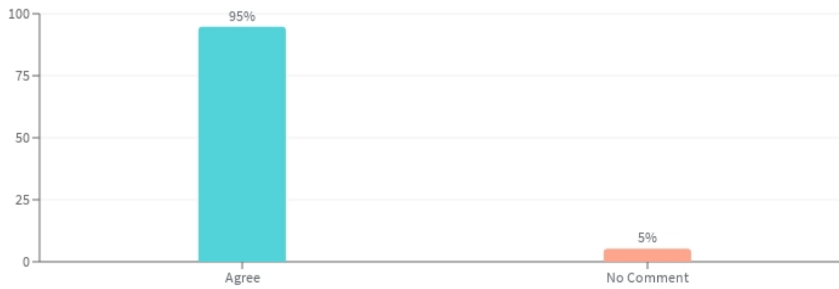
## Was the purpose of the Hui clearly communicated to you prior to your attendance?



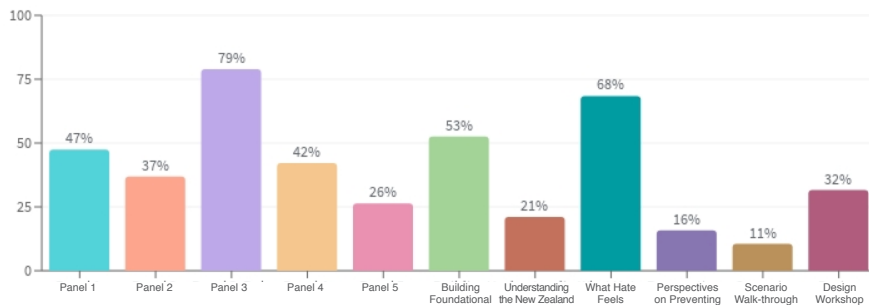


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### Were the logistics (accommodation, flights, catering etc.) well organised?



### Which session(s)/panel(s) did you find most useful?



- Panel 1. Terrorism Challenges: the dynamic nature of the terrorism and violent extremism risk

Panel 2. Addressing the causes: how can embracing community and diversity-focused approaches contribute to preventing and countering violent extremism

Panel 3. Rold of the media: building cultural understanding and countering violent extremism

Panel 4. Violent Extremism online: new directions in preventing radicalisation and violent extremism in the digital world

Panel 5. Preventing and countering violent extremism: Aotearoa New Zealand's strategic approach
- Building foundational Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Te Ao Māori approaches into prevention of and countering terrorism and violent extremism in Aotearoa

Understanding the New Zealand Online Extremism Environment

What Hate Feels Like Now - the aftermath of 15 March 2019

Perspectives on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism













Scenario walk-through exercise on countering violent extremism domestically

Design workshop: National Centre of Excellence



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## Should there be a future hui organised, what changes would you recommend to the organisers?

-  **Comment**  
Yes. Keep to the kaupapa and do not discuss or comment on overseas developments. No religious differences. Ko tahi tatou.
-  **Comment**  
Have Iwcnz panel be given the prime slot eg, Tuesday afternoon it was valuable to have the Iwcnz recount our experience on stage to the highest-ranking public servants who need to hear it most.
-  **Comment**  
Better representation from diverse communities on the panels. I would also like to see more Maori, Muslim and scenario based sessions as I found these the most engaging and insightful.
-  **Comment**  
Yes - Muslim speakers that have expertise in their area and express lived experience. Better facilitation for the times they are presenting - not early in the morning
-  **Comment**  
More open discussions and more panels (even concurrent panels) so that a broader area or topic can be covered.
-  **Comment**  
More time questions and comments
-  **Comment**  
Allow more time for question answer sessions
-  **Comment**  
The Hui needs to have a more focused approach and deal with specific topics such as Islamophobia, white supremacy, alt right and deconstructing colonialism within the local context. We need to include voices from the Christchurch victims group, grassroots organizations, advocates (local / international) and tangata whenua to get a different perspective rather than looking at issues from the privileged "white lens". The focus should be on the failings leading up to March 15th. Lessons learnt and how those learnings will shape our future strategy and policy.
-  **Comment**  
More dialogue, workshops and working groups, table discussions.
-  **Comment**  
1 Greater focus on Muslims, as they are the main targeted group,  
2 Greater focus on education, intercultural awareness, religious awareness, etc,  
3 Greater discussion of the typical backgrounds of extremists,  
4 The Women's Council session on the physical and mental scars of extremism should not have been early in the morning, but more prominently in the middle of the day.
-  **Comment**  
Greater avenue for dialogue as opposed to presentation
-  **Comment**  
1. The Hui needs to be more inclusive and support diversity voices affected by terrorism of 15 March 2019. NZ government needs to work closely with Maori as host and mediator because Te Tiriti-led understanding is vital. Only those affected by historical violence, marginalisation and discrimination can appreciate the pain of Muslims whose reputation has been so atrociously misrepresented by Islamophobia perpetuated by the media, shaping negative public opinion and government's treatment.



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2. The survivors and trauma victims of the horrific event should be kept front and centre of the hui. Their stories live in them, their communities and the collective memory of the city. It serves as a reminder of careless and costly security neglect out of biased profiling and the birth of local and national solidarity with a marginalised Muslim community.
3. Include diversity representations e.g. Pasifika Muslim community. There was talk that this group was not represented in the hui. Recognise that Muslims are a homogenous group. Study the census and locate Muslim specialists from different research disciplines that have something to offer in terms of the Hui's purpose which is to hear from community members and experts (including community members) that would help shape future work on countering terrorism and reducing hate rhetoric out of disinformation and ignorance.
4. Seek community advice on the guests to be invited to speak. This is not about creating silos but about respect.
5. Subsequent Huis need to do follow-ups on recommendations by panels. This would demonstrate the progress on issues raised and allow for traction to further develop initiatives.

**Comment**  
Although most speakers acknowledged Shohadas and injured but we did not include at least one session involving 3-4 affected members to hear from them, more Maori perspective for country building would be helpful. I felt we were over represented by government officials. In future include more diversity.

**Comment**  
Yes, future hui should organize but Muslim representatives from each region must be part of a panel

**Comment**  
Equal participation of all Ethic Group to have equal opportunity and representation

**Comment**  
I would like to have some input from the field of social psychology that could account the attitude towards Muslims, and how different that is from attitude towards other minorities; and finally, what could be done to change it. Research shows that it is different; and the solutions are also different. I would also like to see more Muslim academics as panelists. It should not be just like a box ticking exercise since the hui was mainly due to the effect of 15/3 terror attacks.

**Comment**  
More Maori tikanga approach and their session to start with. Those who present papers need to send in advance and why they are qualified to talk on the topic. Ensure more time for audience questions and comments.

## Do you have any other comments regarding hui?

**Comment**  
Support the Centre of Excellence so that changes can happen to benefit all New Zealanders

**Comment**  
The hui could be more focusses and less theoretical next time. There must also be opportunities for key agencies (Police and SIS) to share progress and outline goals for the next 12 months - which they are held to account for at the annual hui.

**Comment**  
It will better to keep politics aside, national or international, in choosing panellist.



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**Comment**

there was some great engagements and sharing of information



**Comment**

More concentrated focus on topics and reducing the number of topics



**Comment**

- The hui was a lot of fluff with very little focus on specifics.  
- There was a lot of talking and not enough listening and being heard.  
- It was not a very inclusive Hui where I felt the voices from the victims group, marginalized communities and muslim experts / practitioners were excluded from this Hui.  
Overall it was a very whitewashed 2 day Hui dominated by bureaucrats and academics who didnt add much value.



**Comment**

More such facilitated engagement between the various sectors (government, community, academia, media. etc) would be welcome. Both at a national and regional level.



**Comment**

Please consider the recommendations. Listen and respond. Thank you.



**Comment**

The regional representation must be part of Hui with details of regional issues and prevention steps



**Comment**

International ongoing issues should not discuss in Hui as they can divide communities.



**Comment**

I would like to involve in the future again; and would like to have some input in the light of my own research about attitude towards Muslims in NZ.