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Tēnā koe Prime Minister,

The McGuinness Institute is a think tank working towards a sustainable future for Aotearoa New Zealand. We would like to update you on the work we have done this year. We have focused on two projects, each concerned with ensuring New Zealand is prepared for the long-term future.

ReportingNZ

One of our major focuses was *Project ReportingNZ*. We see reporting as vital to shaping strategy, which in turn is driven by foresight. We have found that New Zealand's reporting framework, which provides the evidence that investors, policy-makers and other stakeholders base their decisions on, is in need of urgent attention – particularly in relation to climate change disclosures.

To this end we are currently finalising *Report 17 – Building a Reporting Framework Fit for Purpose*, a *Project 2058* report that delves into New Zealand's reporting framework. This technical report brings together findings from two years of qualitative and quantitative research, with the aim of laying the groundwork for a comprehensive review of New Zealand's reporting framework across the private and public sectors. For further information, including other *ReportingNZ* publications, see www.reportingnz.org.

Āpōpō Journal

Our other major focus was *Āpōpō Journal: Navigating the future with foresight (Mā te matapae te wāheke e whakaterere)*. *Āpōpō Journal* was created as part of *Project 2058*, which the Institute began in 2008 as a way of exploring New Zealand's long-term future. The journal commemorates the project's ten-year anniversary and was inspired by the 2017 *WakaNZ* youth workshop. A complimentary copy of *Āpōpō Journal* is enclosed as a gift you might like to pass along to a young person between the ages of 18 and 25 to assist them in navigating their next 40 years. The foresight tools presented at the front of the journal have been summarised as an excerpt in the think piece enclosed.

Āpōpō Journal features life skills and practical advice, a pātaka maumahara (an evolving time capsule), a maramataka (calendar) detailing historic national dates, and an overview of hindsight/insight/foresight tools. *Āpōpō Journal* celebrates the diversity of New Zealand and illustrates the importance of using hindsight, insight and foresight to navigate future pathways. Produced in New Zealand and printed on environmentally responsible stock, *Āpōpō Journal* is a unique publication created by and for 18 to 25-year-olds. For further information on the journal, see www.apopon.org.

We are currently in the process of confirming our focuses for 2019, which we hope to update you on early next year. Our annual Prime Minister's summer reading list sets out the general direction and is available on our blog, see www.mcguinnessinstitute.org/blog-mi. We have enclosed complimentary copies of all the books for you to read and/or pass along.

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of Aotearoa New Zealand. McGuinness Institute patrons and team wish you and your whānau a well-deserved summer holiday.

Ngā mihi nui,



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