

# The Future, Super-vision and all That !!!!

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## Outline

- Where are we as a Profession ?
- What does the Future hold?
- Technology the hidden revolution?
- Implications for Social Work Practice and Social Work Supervision?

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## Where are we as a Profession?

- Developing an local and indigenous social work identity.
  - Responsiveness to Te Tiriti O Waitangi
- Standing on the edge of a precipice?
  - Low Levels of Professionalisation and Qualifications.
  - Agency dominance.
  - Negative publicity.
  - Under-resourced.
  - Slow to respond to the Technological Revolution.
  - Limited Voice, Volunteers etc...
  - SW Registration Legislation.

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## What does the Future Hold?

- Greater Responsiveness to Te Tiriti O Waitangi.
- Professional Legitimation OR Disintegration?
  - Levels of Professionalisation and qualification either increase or decrease.
  - Professional identity and ideology either balances agency identity and ideology or disintegrates.
  - Publicity becomes more balanced or remains negative.
  - Under-resourcing continues or is partially addressed.
  - Technology uses social workers or social workers utilise technology
  - Professionally organised/ unionised association -vs- voluntary body.
  - Efficiency Registration -vs- Professional Registration.

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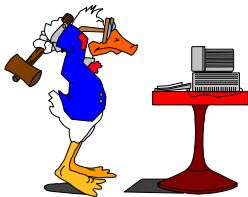
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## Technology the Hidden Revolution



- Fax, cellphone, text messaging, PC, lap-top, e-files, email, internet, WWW, e-social work education, e-social work.
- Increased information/ accessibility/ increased surveillance

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## Implications For Social Work Practice and Supervision

- Frameworks emerge with the Principles of Te Tiriti O Waitangi at the centre.
- Technology in next 10 years may begin to serve social workers and clients rather than be served by social workers- Speech recognition soft-ware, internet video consultation, clients may have greater access to information.
- Actual practice could become more visible and transparent.

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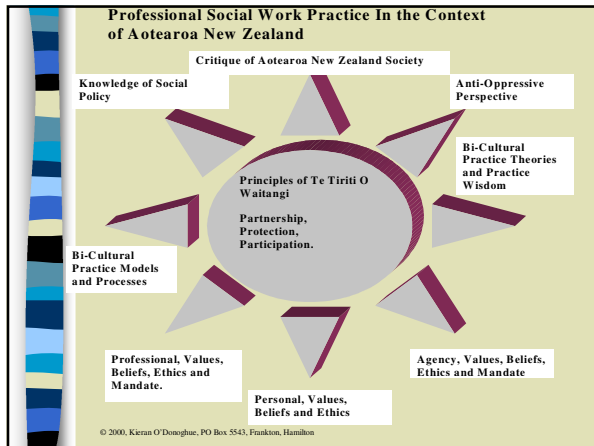
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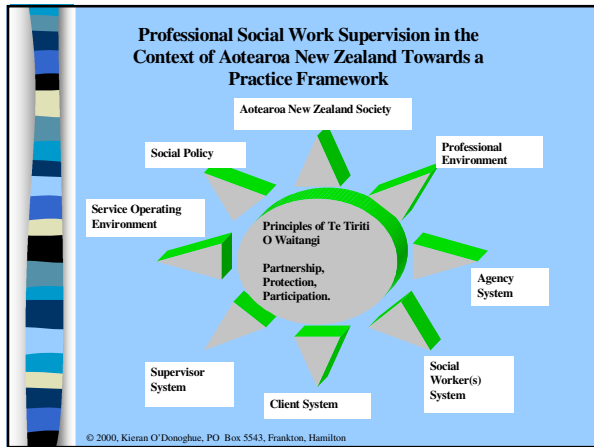
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