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BEANZ formal statement regarding the current review:

BEANZ has a long-standing and constructive history of working with New Zealand Science teachers and the Ministry of Education. All subject associations were made aware last year of the proposed changes that we face with specialist subjects as well as the realignment of Level 1 science standards. As we represent the membership of BEANZ we are reluctant to put forward views that give voice to only a small number. Due to the difficulty of accurately gathering membership wide data in the time frames required we are not putting forward an association response to the proposed changes and instead have advised all members to respond through the official channels as the review rolls out.

BEANZ appreciates the effort that the Specialist Expert Groups and the Ministry of Education have put into developing the framework for the current review of NCEA and related achievement standards.

Our goal is to continue to encourage and support BEANZ members to give feedback through Ministry directed channels at these critical stages in the process to effectively assist the Ministry of Education to optimise the proposed framework.

We thank all members of BEANZ who have taken the time to meet with their departments and regional groups to discuss the current framework, and have taken the time to provide their personal and individual perspectives to the Ministry of Education.

While we understand that we are all learning about this process as it unfolds, and the potential tensions that this may cause, we continue to strongly encourage science teachers to have a constructive voice and take advantage of all the opportunities to provide their feedback.

To keep up to date on the review of achievement standards visit:

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/ncea-review/review-of-achievement-standards/>

As we have had the summer break to reflect on these changes now is an ideal time to ensure that you have your say. If you haven't already please fill out the survey closing March 1st 2020 for feedback on the standards

<https://consultation.education.govt.nz/ncea/sector-feedback-science/>

Also complete the survey relating to the specialist subjects of level 1 closing April 20th 2020.

<https://consultation.education.govt.nz/ncea/ras-provisional-subject-list/>

Kia kaha  
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