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## **Teachers Claim Back Ownership of Their Council**

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'The profession celebrates today's Government bill which proposes to return ownership of their professional body to them,' said Whetu Cormick, President of the New Zealand Principals' Federation (NZPF).

The Government Bill proposes to change the name of the Education Council to 'The Teachers' Council' and to allow seven of the thirteen Council members to be elected by the profession.

'When the previous Government took the word 'Teacher' out of the Council's name and took away the profession's right to elect their own members to their own professional body, we were outraged,' said Cormick.

'Of the thousands of submissions, the vast majority agreed with us,' said Cormick, 'but at the time it made no difference.' he said.

'Today we celebrate that the new Government has listened to the profession and will now join all other professions such as Doctors and Lawyers in once again having a voice and the right to elect our own representatives to our own professional body,' said Cormick.

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