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Te Reo o te Karakia

Pou Temara is Professor of reo and tikanga at the University of Waikato. He is a recognised authority on Māori customary practice and whaikōrero, having taught at Victoria University as a senior lecturer and at Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangī as associate professor and as head of the faculty of Mātauranga Māori. He is also one of three directors of Te Panekiretanga o te Reo, the Institute of Excellence in the Māori Language, where he teaches and researches whaikōrero, karanga, and tikanga. He was also a member of the Māori Advisory Committee, which produced essays for the *Dictionary of New Zealand Biography and Ngā Tāngata Taumata Rau*.

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