



## **A/Prof Rawiri Taonui**

### ***Māori Child Abuse and Homicide***

Professor Taonui is an experienced and well known Māori academic. He has won four writing awards including three Qantas Media Awards and one Montana Book Award. His fields of expertise include Maturanga Māori, Kaupapa Māori, oral traditions, whakapapa, Treaty issues, indigenous peoples, human rights and counter theory. He has completed several exploratory journeys in New Zealand retracing the footsteps of well known Māori ancestors.

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