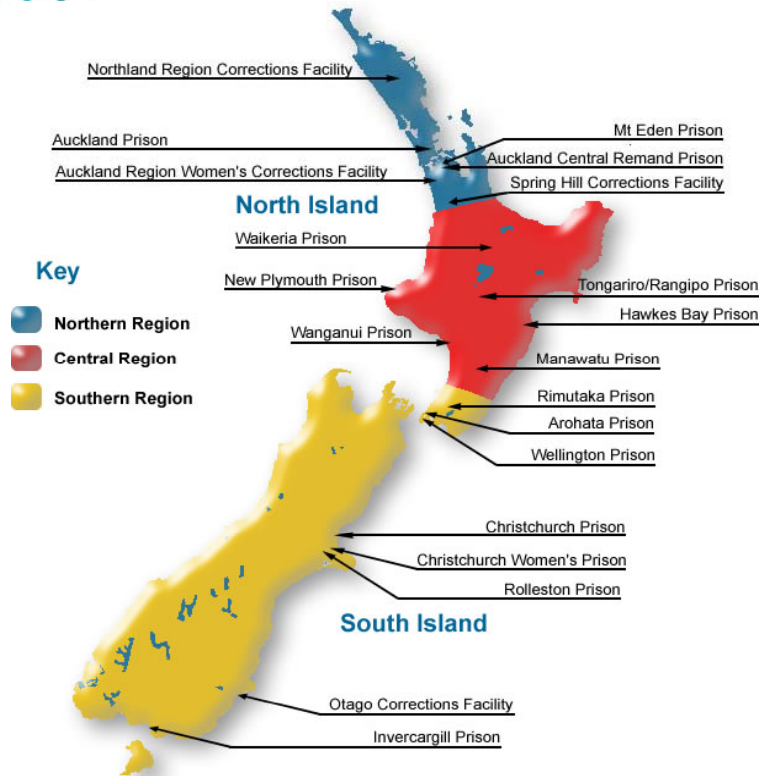


# IMPLEMENTATION OF SMOKEFREE PRISONS IN NEW ZEALAND



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# Department of Corrections - Map of Prison Locations





## The vision – what does the policy address?

### **Staff and prisoner health and safety**

- The right to a smoke free living environment
- The right to a smoke free workplace
- Misuse of lighters: starting fires and making weapons





## The policy

- A total ban on smoking inside the secure perimeter of all New Zealand prisons.
- Cigarettes, tobacco, lighters and all smoking related items are prohibited inside the secure perimeter.
- Dedicated smoking areas available for staff and visitors outside the secure perimeter.



## Our implementation approach

- Research
- Twelve month preparation period
- Support to prisoners
- Support to staff
- Partnerships







## Our implementation approach cont.

- Amnesty period: prisoners unable to purchase tobacco related products one month prior to implementation to run down supplies in prisons.
- Site self assessment on readiness and independent quality assurance
- Daily sit reps on prison temperature
- Use of Operational Intelligence
- Emphasis on contingency planning



## HEALTH SERVICES CONTRIBUTION

- 1) Championed Policy
- 2) Staff Support
- 3) Prisoner Support
- 4) Engagement with Health Sector





# Implementation





## IMPACT OF POLICY

- **Smoke Free Prisons**
- **Relationships**
- **Improved Health**
- **Family Outcomes**
- **Staff Outcomes**
- **Reduced Fires**
- **Unintended Outcomes**





## Lessons Learned

- Effective stakeholder engagement
- Twelve month lead-in to this policy was an appropriate length of time
- One month amnesty period
- An unintended outcome was enhanced engagement between staff and prisoners with a “we are all in this together” approach.
- A fair and reasonable approach to the actual date (1 July 2011) assisted with prisoners’ acceptance and handover of their smoking related items.



# FUTURE

- **Measure Outcomes**
- **N. R. T. (Nicotine Replacement Therapy)**
- **Meaningful Activity**
- **Diet**
- **Post Release Support**





**Kotahi ano te Kaupapa; ko te  
oranga o te iwi**

**There is only one purpose to  
our work; it is the wellness  
and wellbeing of the people.**