



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Dear Samuel Vivian

Thank you for your enquiry. At this stage, there are no plans to establish a New Zealand medal along the lines of the Australian National Emergency Medal.

For a small country, New Zealand has a reasonably comprehensive honours system, and those who make an exceptional contribution can be nominated for a New Zealand Royal Honour. Uniformed agencies, including the New Zealand Police, and the New Zealand Defence Force, also have a range of recognition options for their personnel, including medals and decorations that are part of the New Zealand Royal Honours system, as well as agency-level awards. Agencies and sectors recognise staff and volunteer contributions in a number of ways that are appropriate for their context.

While there are currently no plans to establish a New Zealand medal along the lines of the Australian National Emergency Medal, recognition for service in times of significant national events is something that the Government will continue to consider.

Yours sincerely

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