

Burial disputes

While cases of bodies actually being removed without authorisation are high profile, they are relatively few in number, but family disputes over bodies and burial disputes can occur relatively frequently.

Ministry of Justice research suggests that commonly a lack of knowledge as to cultural norms and processes has contributed to misunderstandings and conflict. Accordingly, in coordination with Te Puni Kokiri and the New Zealand Police, the Ministry has supplied the NZLS with a list of contact details for the New Zealand Police Iwi and Ethnic Liaisons.

These people have cultural expertise and may be called upon to assist when communication around a burial dispute has reached an impasse. They should be contacted only after attempts to reconcile different viewpoints within family groups have failed. These liaison staff can then offer a mediation service.

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