

Olivia Yates presented an excellent piece of highly topical and timely research titled: *Shifting Places: Psychosocial implications of climate-induced migration from the Pacific to Aotearoa New Zealand*. Predictions about climate change and rising sea levels are that many peoples in the Pacific, especially those in low lying islands are likely be displaced and experience social dislocation. Pacific contexts and perspectives on climate change and the challenge to take action in support of Pacific peoples, in particular those from Tuvalu and Kiribati, who are most likely be displaced, is a focus of this research. It will also highlight gaps in understanding climate change and challenge the peoples of Aotearoa to take responsibility for and with those who experience climate change migration across the Pacific.

The research outline has academic strength and offers a broad, critical understanding of the cultural, social, and environmental context of Pacific peoples in Aotearoa. Olivia's approach to research is collaborative and consultative and aligned with a Te Tiriti o Waitangi framework. Further she has positioned herself within her cultural context as a Pākehā/Palangi and is respectful and aware of her privilege. Her rationale for doing this research is clearly genuine and heartfelt. It fully meets the criteria for the Social Justice Research Scholarship.