

Positionality & Acknowledgements

I have to understand that I come from a position of privilege, both from where I grew up as well as the social benefits I get from being a cis-gendered white male. I have to be aware of the bias I may hold due to my upbringing and social status. I need to understand that due to my advantaged societal position, there will be stigmas held around my opinions. I also need to ensure that I'm aware of the advantages I've had throughout my life due to my privilege, and be thankful for the opportunities I've had, while also working towards ensuring that these opportunities become equitable. I want to include my passions for sport in my work whenever I can, and foster my own creativity as well as collaborate and grow alongside the creativity of others.

Tangata Whenua and upholding Te Tiriti O Waitangi -

The local Iwi of Tāmaki Makaurau are the people of the land. Thus, as a proud Tangata Tiritiri, my research will consider and respect the Tangata Whenua through the three P's: Partnership, Participation, and Protection. If any disputed land or potential issues around introducing certain species arise, appropriate communication between myself and Iwi will take place to ensure that no part of my research affects Te Tiriti O Waitangi or Iwi relations. Furthermore, as mentioned in my values, I will become an environmental guardian through design approaches that ensure the preservation of our future. This will be achieved by crafting designs that facilitate enduring, positive transformations, guided by empathy, and a harmonious equilibrium between economic advancement, environmental preservation, and societal welfare.