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Press release:

Whaikaha –­­

Ministry of Disabled People



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**1 July 2022**

# About this document



On 1 July 2022 a **press release** was put out by:

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* **Honourable Carmel Sepuloni**

Minister for Social Development and Employment

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* **Honourable Poto Williams**

Minister for Disability Issues.

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A **press release** is a document that is written for the media like TV / newspapers to use.

This Easy Read document is a **summary** of their press release about **Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People.**

A **summary**:

* is shorter
* tells you the main ideas.

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[**www.whaikaha.govt.nz/about-us/welcome-from-our-new-minister**](https://www.whaikaha.govt.nz/about-us/welcome-from-our-new-minister)

# What the press release is about



The press release says that 1 July 2022 is the start of a new ministry that will be called:



**Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People**.

A group of people posing for a photo

Description automatically generated**Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People** is a new part of the New Zealand Government that will:

* make disability support services better for disabled people and their whānau / families
* use an **Enabling Good Lives** way of doing things.

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Description automatically generated**Enabling Good Lives** is a way of giving disability support so you have:

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* choice and control in your life
* the support you need and want
* a good life.

A person with her hands on her face

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The Ministry will also have a New Zealand Sign Language name which will be ready in about October 2022.

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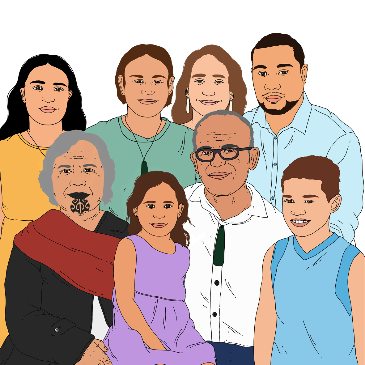
Description automatically generated with low confidence**A picture containing clothing, person, person, hairpiece

Description automatically generatedThe Ministers said the start of the Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People is an important day for the 1.1 million disabled people in Aotearoa New Zealand.

A group of people posing for a photo

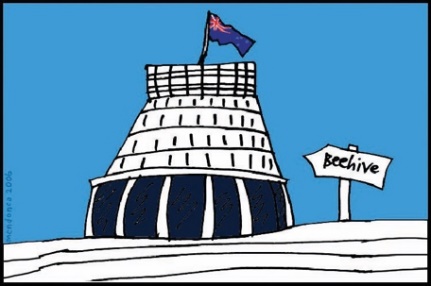
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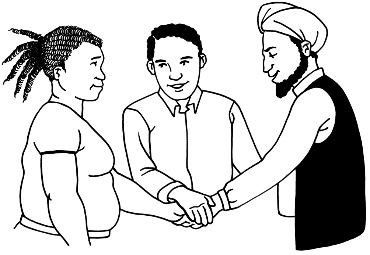
The Ministers also said Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People is an important step to true **working partnerships** between:

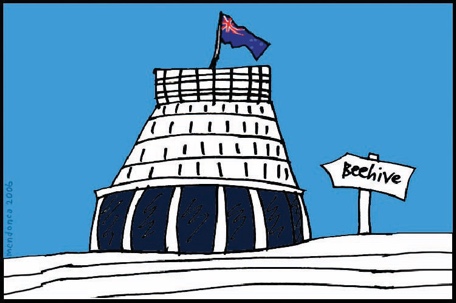


* disabled people
* tāngata whaikaha / disabled Māori



* whānau / family
* carers
* supporters
* government agencies.

**Working partnerships** means to work together.



Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People will also work with other government agencies so that there are better services for disabled people such as in:

Two people shaking hands

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* employment / work
* education
* health / wellbeing.

Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People will work in a way that is:

**Nothing About Us, Without Us.**

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Description automatically generatedThe Ministers said that disabled people have waited a long time for this new ministry.



There has been a lot of good work already by the:

* Establishment Unit for the new ministry



* Community Steering group that has given advice on the setting up of the new ministry.

The 1 July 2022 is also the start of:



* **Health New Zealand**
* The **Māori Health Authority**

**Health New Zealand** is now the health service for the whole of   
New Zealand.

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This means that everyone will get good care wherever they live.



The **Māori Health Authority** will make sure:

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  Description automatically generatedMāori get better healthcare
* there are services that are a good fit for Māori.

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[**https://dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2021-05/health-reform-white-paper-summary-easy-may21.pdf**](about:blank)

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**Where to find more information**



You can find more information about Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People at this **website**:

[**www.whaikaha.govt.nz**](http://www.whaikaha.govt.nz)



You canalso:

**Call: 0800 566 601**

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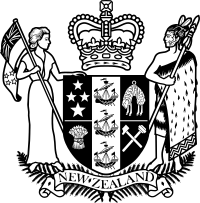
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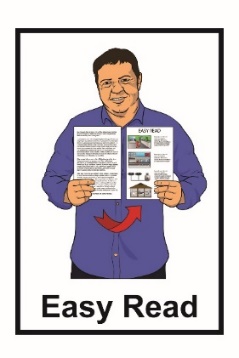
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