



Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee

Minute of Decision

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New Zealand Disability Strategy 2026 – 2030: Approval

Portfolio Disability Issues

On 19 November 2025, the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee:

- 1 **noted** that that public consultation has been completed on a draft New Zealand Disability Strategy;
- 2 **approved** the final New Zealand Disability Strategy 2026-2030 (the Strategy), attached at Appendix 1 to the paper under SOU-25-SUB-0165, for release in early December 2025;
- 3 **authorised** the Minister for Disability Issues (the Minister) to approve any minor drafting changes to the Strategy prior to its release;
- 4 **agreed** that the Ministerial Disability Leadership Group will oversee the implementation of the Strategy, and that the Ministry of Disabled People will work with other government agencies responsible for delivering the Strategy's actions;
- 5 **noted** that the Minister is required to report annually to the House of Representatives on progress in implementing the Strategy;
- 6 **noted** that the report back to Cabinet, as requested, on progress towards implementing the recommendations of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) Committee in 2022, including the recommendations considered in the development of the Strategy [SOU-24-MIN-0155] is attached in Appendix 3 to the paper under SOU-25-SUB-0165;
- 7 **invited** the Minister to report back to Cabinet by March 2027 on progress towards the UNCRPD recommendations;
- 8 **invited** the Minister, in consultation with the Ministerial Disability Leadership Group, to report back to Cabinet by March 2027 on progress to implement the Strategy's actions and next steps to deliver remaining actions by 2030.

Sam Moffett
Committee Secretary

(see over for attendance)

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Louise Upston (Chair)
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Mark Mitchell
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Matt Doocey
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Karen Chhour
Hon Nicola Grigg
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Scott Simpson

Officials present from:

Officials' Committee for SOU