



# Draft New Zealand Disability Strategy 2026 to 2030: Tell us what you think



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## Before you start



The Ministry of Disabled People –  
Whaikaha wants to find out what you  
think of the **draft New Zealand  
Disability Strategy 2026 to 2030**.



**Draft** means writing something for  
the first time.



The **New Zealand Disability  
Strategy** tells the Government how to  
make things better for disabled  
people in Aotearoa New Zealand.



In this Easy Read when we say  
**Whaikaha** this means the Ministry of  
Disabled People – Whaikaha

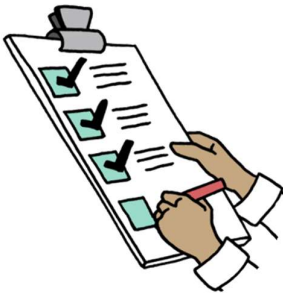


In this Easy Read we call the draft New Zealand Disability Strategy 2026 to 2030 the **draft strategy**.



You can read the draft strategy in alternate formats at this **website**:

**<https://shorturl.at/18ALN>**



This **survey** is a way to give your **feedback** to Whaikaha about what you think of the draft strategy.



A **survey** has questions for you to answer.

**Feedback** is when you tell Whaikaha what you think about something.



You have until **28 September 2025** to send in your feedback survey to Whaikaha.



You can complete this feedback form for:

- yourself
- someone else if they ask you to
- a group
- an organisation.



You can also ask someone you trust to support you to complete this feedback form like a:

- whānau / family member
- friend.





This survey is a long document.



Some things you can do to make it easier are:

- read it a few pages at a time
- set aside some quiet time to look at it
- have someone read it with you to support you to understand it.



If you have any questions about the draft strategy **email** us at:

**[disabilitystrategy@whaikaha.govt.nz](mailto:disabilitystrategy@whaikaha.govt.nz)**

# How to give us your feedback



You can choose to give your feedback by filling in:

- an online survey

or



- this Easy Read survey form.

## Online survey:

You can find the online survey at:

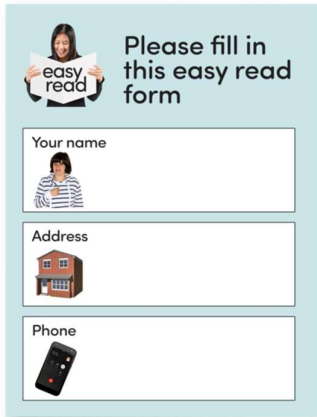
**<https://shorturl.at/PJwA>**



The online survey has some parts in Easy Read.



Follow the instructions / steps on the website to complete the survey.

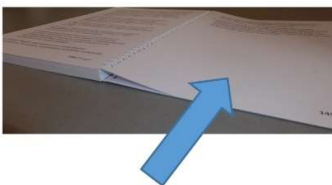


The image shows a template for an 'easy read' survey form. At the top, there is a small illustration of a person holding a sign that says 'easy read'. Below this, the text 'Please fill in this easy read form' is written. The form consists of three main sections, each with a small icon and a label: 'Your name' with a person icon, 'Address' with a house icon, and 'Phone' with a mobile phone icon. Each section has a large empty box for writing the answer.

## Easy Read survey form

The best way to fill in this Easy Read survey document is to:

1. Print it
2. Write your answers using a pen
3. Send it to Whaikaha.



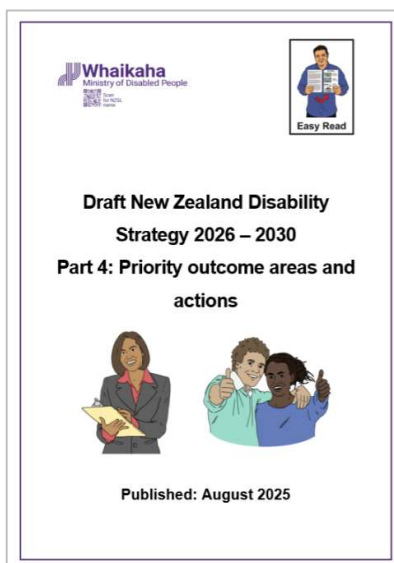
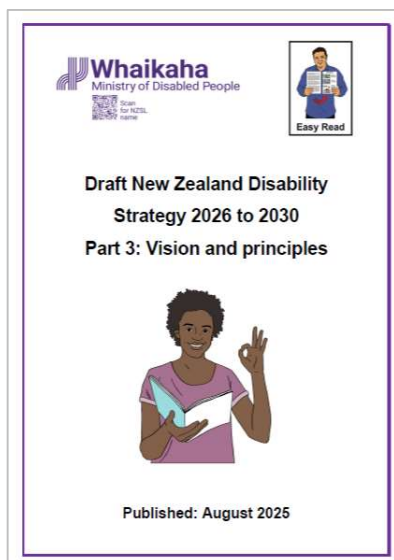
Please contact Whaikaha if you have:

- any questions about the survey
- want a printed copy of this survey form sent to you to fill in.

On **pages 58 to 59** of this Easy Read document you can find the contact details for Whaikaha.



Before you start this survey you need to read some other Easy Read documents about the draft strategy.



To understand the questions you need to read these 2 Whaikaha Easy Read documents:

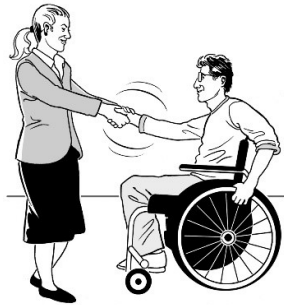
- **Draft New Zealand Disability 2026 to 2030 - Part 3: Vision and Principles**
- **Draft New Zealand Disability 2026 to 2030 - Part 4: Priority outcome areas**

You can find these Easy Read documents on the Whaikaha **website** at:

<https://shorturl.at/18ALN>



# What happens with the information you share with us?



We will treat the information you share with us with:

- care
- respect.



We follow a **law** called the **Privacy Act**.



A **law** is a rule made by the Government that everybody must follow.



The **Privacy Act** is the law that says how to look after **personal information**.



Here **personal information** is information about you.



We may use **artificial intelligence** programs like Microsoft Copilot to **analyse** the feedback we get.

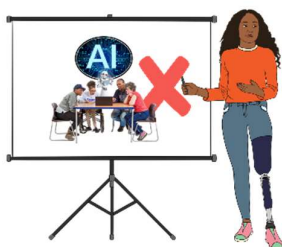


**Artificial intelligence** means computer programs that can do some of the things humans can do like:

- learning
- solving problems.



Here **analyse** is when we look at all the feedback closely to decide how we should change the draft strategy.



Your feedback will not be used to train artificial intelligence programs.



We will take your contact information off your feedback if you shared this information with us.



This will protect your privacy.

All feedback we get will become **official information**.



**Official information** is information a:

- government agency has
- government minister has.



People can ask to see official information.



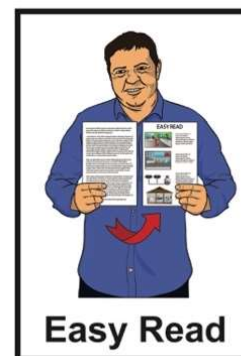
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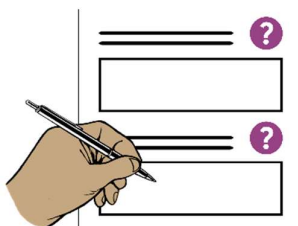


We will keep your personal information safe if someone asks to see the feedback about the draft strategy.



# Draft New Zealand Disability Strategy 2026 to 2030:

## Questions and your answers



To answer the survey questions put a **tick inside the square** that best fits your answer.

Some questions also have a larger box to write your feedback / answer.

## Section 1: About you



1. I am filling in this survey for:

☐

myself

☐

another person

☐

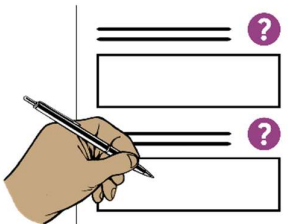
a group

☐

an organisation.



2. What is the name of the organisation or group you are filling in this survey for?



Write your answer in this box:



If you are filling in this survey for an organisation or group please go to Section 2.



If you are filling this survey for yourself or another person please answer all the questions in this Section 1.

3. Are you a disabled person?

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Yes

☐

No.



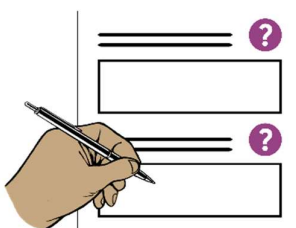
4. Are you tāngata whaikaha Māori / a disabled Māori person?

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Yes

☐

No.



5. What is your disability or impairment?

**Impairments** are when people have bodies that work differently to other people.

Tick all the boxes that apply to you:

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physical - which means to do with the body

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hearing or auditory

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visual / eyesight

☐

speech

☐

learning / **cognitive** / **neurological**

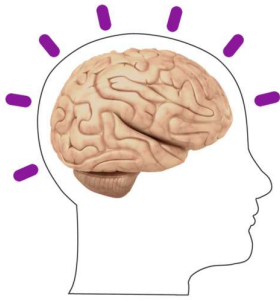
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Other – put your answer in this box:





**Cognitive** impairment means your brain has a hard time doing some things.



**Neurological** means to do with the brain or nerves.

It can include many different conditions like:

- epilepsy
- cerebral palsy.





6. Are you a carer or family member of a disabled person?

☐

Yes

☐

No.



7. What is your age group?

☐

under 15 years

☐

15 to 29 years

☐

30 to 44 years

☐

65 – 74 years

☐

75 years and over.





8. What is your **gender**?

**Gender** is if you are:

- a man
- a woman
- another gender like non-binary.

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Male

☐

Female

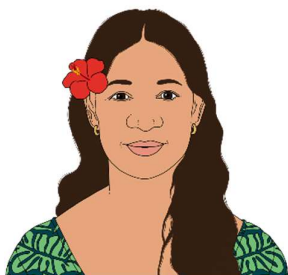
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Another gender

☐

Prefer not to say.

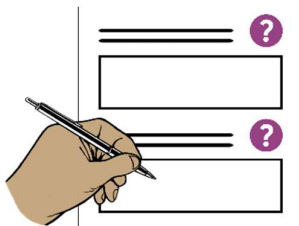
9. What **ethnicity** are you?



**Ethnicity** means your:

- race like:
  - Māori
  - Samoan
  - New Zealand European
- background like whether you:
  - were born in Aotearoa New Zealand
  - moved to Aotearoa New Zealand from another country.

The answer tick boxes are on the **next page**.



What **ethnicity** are you?

☐

New Zealand European

☐

Māori

☐

Samoan

☐

Cook Island Māori

☐

Tongan

☐

Niuean

☐

Chinese

☐

Indian

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Another ethnicity - put  
your answer in this box:

## Section 2: Vision



The New Zealand Disability Strategy 2026 to 2030 will have a **vision**.

Here **vision** means ideas about what things should be like.

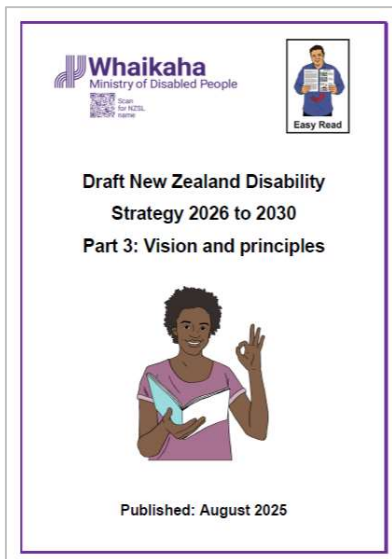


The vision says what the future / years ahead will be like for disabled people if the draft strategy works



The draft strategy says the vision is:

New Zealand is an accessible and equitable society for disabled people and their whānau – a place where disabled people thrive, lead and participate in all aspects of life.

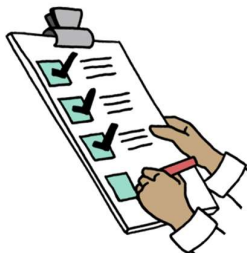


You can find more information about the vision in an Easy Read document called:

## **Draft New Zealand Disability Strategy 2026 to 2030 Part 3: Vision and Principles.**

You can find the Easy Read document on the Whaikaha **website** at:

**<https://shorturl.at/18ALN>**



These next questions are about the possible new vision for the strategy



The questions ask you to tick the answer that you agree with the most.



10. The vision is clear and easy to understand:

☐

Strongly disagree

☐

Disagree

☐

Neither agree or disagree

☐

Agree

☐

Strongly agree.





11. The vision fits with the **values** / **aspirations** of disabled people:


☐

Strongly disagree


☐

Disagree


☐

Neither agree or disagree

☐

Agree

☐

Strongly agree.



**Values** are beliefs that are used to decide how to:

- behave
- work.



**Aspirations** are the things disabled people want to be able to do in their lives.



12. How **confident** are you that the vision will lead to **meaningful** change?

☐

Strongly disagree

☐

Disagree

☐

Neither agree or disagree

☐

Agree

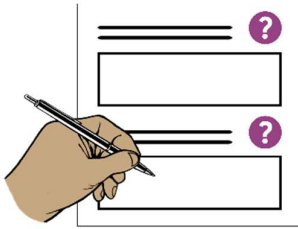
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Strongly agree.



**Confident** means you feel that change will happen.

**Meaningful** means change will make a real difference to lives of disabled people.



13. Is there anything else you would like to say about the possible vision?

Write your answer in this box:

## Section 3: Principles



The draft strategy has 7 **principles**.



Here **principles** are ideas / beliefs that tell us:

- what we should do
- how we should do things.

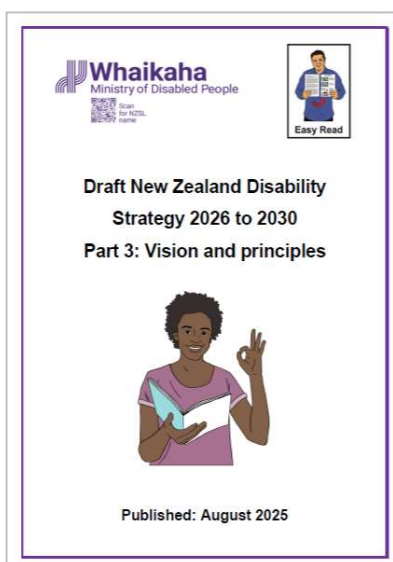


The principles will support Whaikaha to make sure that the draft strategy talks about things that are important to disabled people.



The 7 principles for the draft strategy are:

1. Accessibility
2. Choice and control
3. Equity and cultural inclusion and intersectionality
4. Human rights
5. Participation and inclusion
6. Respect and dignity
7. The Treaty of Waitangi / te Tiriti o Waitangi.

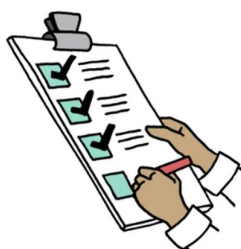


You can find more information about the 7 principles in an Easy Read document called:

## **Draft New Zealand Disability Strategy 2026 to 2030 Part 3: Vision and Principles.**

You can find the Easy Read document on the Whaikaha **website** at:

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These next questions are about the principles for the strategy

The questions ask you to put a tick in the box for the answer that you agree with the most.



14. How important is the principle of accessibility in the draft strategy?

☐

Not at all important

☐

Not important

☐

I do not know / I do not mind

☐

Important

☐

Very important.



15. How important is the principle of choice and control in the draft strategy?

☐

Not at all important

☐

Not important

☐

I do not know / I do not mind

☐

Important

☐

Very important.



16. How important is the principle of equity and cultural inclusion and intersectionality in the draft strategy?


☐

Not at all important


☐

Not important


☐

I do not know / I do not mind

☐

Important

☐

Very important.



17. How important is the principle of human rights in the draft strategy?


☐

Not at all important


☐

Not important


☐

I do not know / I do not mind

☐

Important

☐

Very important.





18. How important is the principle of participation and inclusion in the draft strategy?


☐

Not at all important


☐

Not important


☐

I do not know / I do not mind

☐

Important

☐

Very important.



19. How important is the principle of respect and dignity in the draft strategy?


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Not at all important


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Not important


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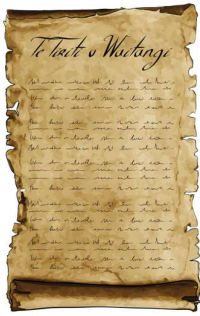
I do not know / I do not mind

☐

Important

☐

Very important.



20. How important is the principle of the Treaty of Waitangi / te Tiriti o Waitangi in the draft strategy?

☐

Not at all important

☐

Not important

☐

I do not know / I do not mind

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Important

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Very important.



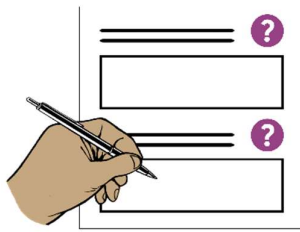
21. Is there anything you would like to add or remove from the list of principles for the draft strategy?

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Yes

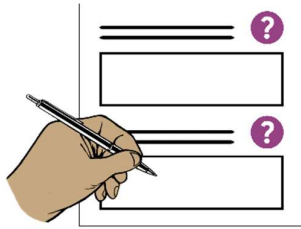
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No.



22. What would you like to add or take away from the list of principles for the strategy?

Write your answer in this box:



23. Is there anything else you would like to say about the principles in the draft strategy?

Write your answer in this box:

## Section 4: Priority outcome areas



The draft strategy has 5 priority outcome areas.



Here **priority outcome areas** are the things that are most important to work on in the draft strategy.

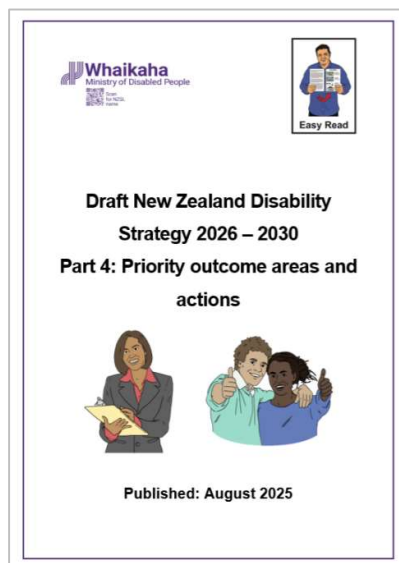


The 5 priority outcome areas of the strategy are:



1. Education
2. Employment
3. Health
4. Housing
5. Justice.



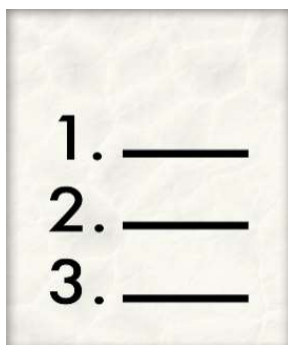


You can find more information about what these priority outcome areas mean in an Easy Read document called:

**Draft New Zealand Disability Strategy 2026 to 2030 Part 4: Priority outcome areas and actions.**

You can find this Easy Read document on the Whaikaha website at:

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Each priority outcome area has a:

- goal
- description of success
- list of actions.



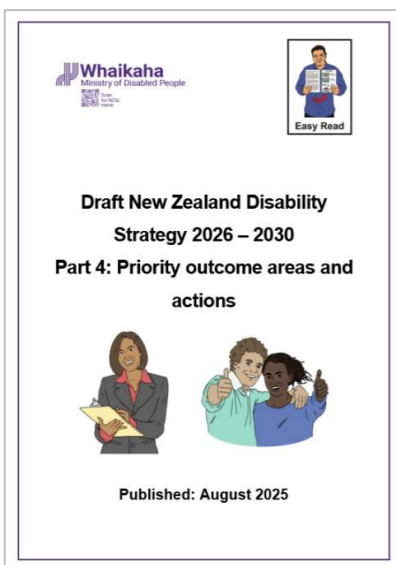
Here **goals** are how we want things to be.



Here **description of success** means the ways in which we should be able to see things working better.



A list of **actions** are the things that will be done to meet the goals.



To complete this part of the survey you need to read the Easy Read document called:

**Draft New Zealand Disability Strategy 2026 to 2030 Part 4: Priority outcome areas.**

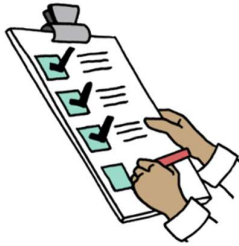


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The questions ask you to tick the answer that you agree with the most.



You can choose to answer the questions for 1 or more priority outcomes.

You do have **not** to answer the questions in every priority outcome area if you do not want to.





## Priority outcome area 1: Education

24. How much do you agree with the goal for education?

☐

Strongly disagree

☐

Disagree

☐

Neither agree or disagree

☐

Agree

☐

Strongly agree.



25. How much do you agree with the success description for education?

☐

Strongly disagree

☐

Disagree

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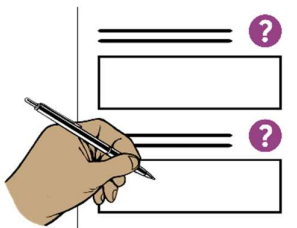
Neither agree or disagree

☐

Agree

☐

Strongly agree.



26. Do you have anything to say about the education goal or description of success?

Write your answer in this box:



27. How much do you agree with each of the actions for education?

☐

Strongly disagree

☐

Disagree

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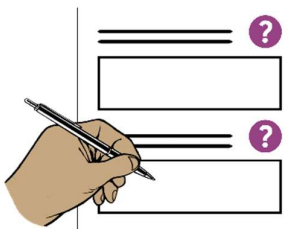
Neither agree or disagree

☐

Agree

☐

Strongly agree.



28. Do you have anything to say about the actions for education?

Write your answer in this box:



## Priority outcome area 2: Employment

29. How much do you agree with the goal for employment?

☐

Strongly disagree

☐

Disagree

☐

Neither agree or disagree

☐

Agree

☐

Strongly agree.



30. How much do you agree with the success description for employment?

☐

Strongly disagree

☐

Disagree

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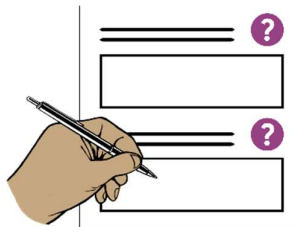
Neither agree or disagree

☐

Agree

☐

Strongly agree.



31. Do you have anything to say about the employment goal or description of success?

Write your answer in this box:



32. How much do you agree with each of the actions for employment?

☐

Strongly disagree

☐

Disagree

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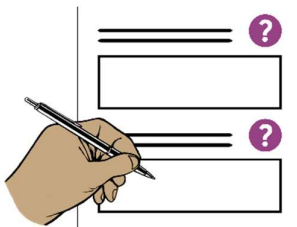
Neither agree or disagree

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Agree

☐

Strongly agree.



33. Do you have anything to say about the actions for employment?

Write your answer in this box:



### Priority outcome area 3: Health

34. How much do you agree with the goal for health?

☐

Strongly disagree

☐

Disagree

☐

Neither agree or disagree

☐

Agree

☐

Strongly agree.



35. How much do you agree with the success description for health?

☐

Strongly disagree

☐

Disagree

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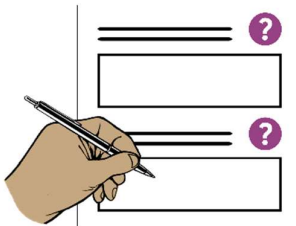
Neither agree or disagree

☐

Agree

☐

Strongly agree.



36. Do you have anything to say about the health goal or description of success?

Write your answer in this box:





37. How much do you agree with each of the actions for health?

☐

Strongly disagree

☐

Disagree

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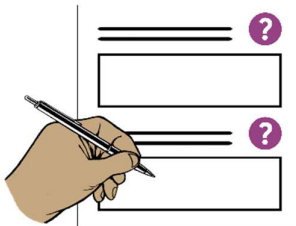
Neither agree or disagree

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Agree

☐

Strongly agree.



38. Do you have anything to say about the actions for health?

Write your answer in this box:



## Priority outcome area 4: Housing

39. How much do you agree with the goal for housing?

☐

Strongly disagree

☐

Disagree

☐

Neither agree or disagree

☐

Agree

☐

Strongly agree.



40. How much do you agree with the success description for housing?

☐

Strongly disagree

☐

Disagree

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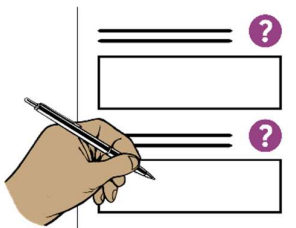
Neither agree or disagree

☐

Agree

☐

Strongly agree.



41. Do you have anything to say about the housing goal or description of success?

Write your answer in this box:



42. How much do you agree with each of the actions for housing?

☐

Strongly disagree

☐

Disagree

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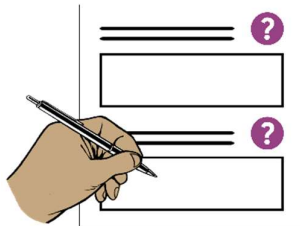
Neither agree or disagree

☐

Agree

☐

Strongly agree.



43. Do you have anything to say about the actions for housing?

Write your answer in this box:



## Priority outcome area 5: Justice

44. How much do you agree with the goal for justice?

☐

Strongly disagree

☐

Disagree

☐

Neither agree or disagree

☐

Agree

☐

Strongly agree.



45. How much do you agree with the success description for justice?

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Strongly disagree

☐

Disagree

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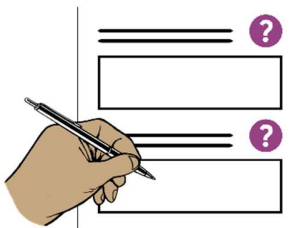
Neither agree or disagree

☐

Agree

☐

Strongly agree.



46. Do you have anything to say about the justice goal or description of success?

Write your answer in this box:



47. How much do you agree with each of the actions for justice?

☐

Strongly disagree

☐

Disagree

☐

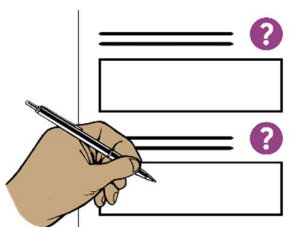
Neither agree or disagree

☐

Agree

☐

Strongly agree.



48. Do you have anything to say about the actions for justice?

Write your answer in this box:

## Section 4: Draft strategy



49. The draft strategy has what matters most to:

- disabled people
- whānau / family.



Do you:

☐

Strongly disagree

☐

Disagree

☐

Neither agree or disagree

☐

Agree

☐

Strongly agree.





50. Do you feel **confident** that the strategy will lead to **meaningful** change?

☐

Strongly disagree

☐

Disagree

☐

Neither agree or disagree

☐

Agree

☐

Strongly agree.



**Confident** means you feel that change will happen.

**Meaningful** means change will make a real difference to lives of disabled people.



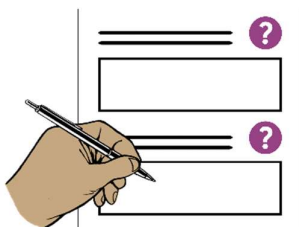
51. Is there anything else you would like to have in the strategy?

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Yes

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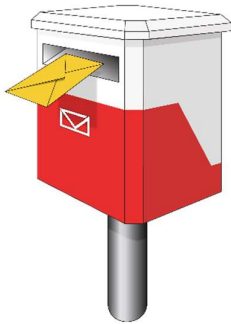
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52. What else would you like to have in the strategy?

Write your answer in this box:

## Section 5: Contact information



When you have finished giving your feedback you can **post pages 12 to 57** of this survey to:

**Ministry of Disabled People –  
Whaikaha**

**Reply Paid 262204**



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You **do not** need a stamp to send us your survey form.



You can also **email** your survey form to:

**[disabilitystrategy@whaikaha.govt.nz](mailto:disabilitystrategy@whaikaha.govt.nz)**



Thank you for your time with:

- filling in this survey
- telling us what you think of the draft strategy.



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