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Part 1: Introduction to the strategy

**Draft for consultation New Zealand Disability Strategy
2026-2030**

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This is part 1 of the draft New Zealand Disability Strategy. It is the introduction to the strategy.

The other parts of the strategy are:

- Part 2: Background to the strategy
- Part 3: Vision and principles for the strategy
- Part 4: Priority outcome areas and actions for the strategy

Parts 3 and 4 of the strategy are the parts where people are invited to give feedback.

You can read, watch or listen to only the parts of the strategy that you want to.

You can find all parts of the strategy in alternate formats on our website under the heading "Read the draft strategy 2026-2030" visit [Refresh of the New Zealand Disability Strategy whaikaha govt](https://shorturl.at/18ALN) [short url: <https://shorturl.at/18ALN>]

He mihi whakaara

Kia hiwa rā kia hiwa rā. Kia kōkiri ake, kia mataara. He karanga atu ki te ao whānui, ki te ao whaikaha. Haere mai ōu whakaaro rangatira ki tēnei kaupapa whakahirahira nau mai e te iwi e.

A call to initiate feedback. Rise up, come forward, be counted, be alert. A call going out to the world, to the disabled world. We welcome your chiefly thoughts to this important discussion. We welcome all.

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The Ministry also thanks those who have taken part in workshops to help develop a draft vision and principles for the strategy.

Have your say on the strategy

This document sets out a draft of the New Zealand Disability Strategy 2026-2030. The Ministry of Disabled People is consulting on the strategy.

How consultation on the strategy will work

Everyone is welcome to give feedback on this strategy. There are different ways to have your say. You can:

- complete an accessible online feedback form
- download a Word feedback form, fill it out and email it to the Ministry
- make a three-minute video with videomail.io and email it to the Ministry
- attend a meeting online
- attend a meeting in person
- email the Ministry for a consultation pack you can use at your organisation.

If you want to email the Ministry, the email address is disabilitystrategy@whaikaha.govt.nz.

Feedback from consultation will be used to shape the final version of the strategy, which will be considered by Cabinet.

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