

New Zealand Disability Strategy

2026 to 2030:

Public Consultation



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About this Easy Read



This Easy Read is about the **public consultation** for the **New Zealand Disability Strategy refresh**.



A **public consultation** means asking everyone what they think about something.



The **New Zealand Disability Strategy** is a group of plans that tell the Government how to make things better for disabled people in Aotearoa New Zealand.



The **New Zealand Disability Strategy refresh** is about:

- looking at the New Zealand Disability Strategy
- thinking about what needs to change
- choosing what the New Zealand Disability Strategy will do over the next 5 years.



Ministry of Disabled

People – Whaikaha works to make things better for disabled people by working with:

- the Government
- the community which includes:
 - disabled people
 - tāngata whaikaha Māori / Māori disabled people
- businesses.

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

Where it says **we / our** this means Whaikaha.

Whakataukī



A whakataukī is a Māori saying that shares an important message.



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.

Here are the English words of the
whakataukī:



Be watchful, be alert.

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.

Where to read the draft strategy



We want you to tell us what you think about the **draft** New Zealand Disability Strategy 2026 – 2030.



A **draft** is the first version of a document.

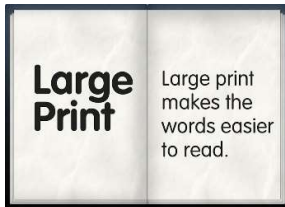


In this Easy Read the draft New Zealand Disability Strategy 2026 – 2030 will be called the **draft strategy**.



The draft strategy is available in:

- Easy Read
- Braille
- audio
- large print.



Find the format you want at this **webpage:**

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



Click on the heading **Read the draft strategy 2026 – 2030.**



The draft New Zealand Disability Strategy 2026 – 2030 is in New Zealand Sign Language / NZSL at this **webpage**:

<https://shorturl.at/v7RsK>

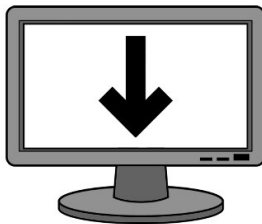
How to tell us what you think



There are lots of ways you can tell us what you think about the draft strategy.



You can fill out a feedback form online.



You can also:

- download the feedback form to your computer

and



- email the filled in feedback form to us.



The feedback form is at this
webpage:

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



Click on the heading **How to have
your say.**



You can tell us what you think by
email at:

disabilitystrategy@whaikaha.govt.nz



You can tell us what you think by
going to a meeting:

- online
- in person.



You can tell us you want to go to a meeting at this **webpage**:

<https://shorturl.at/zuF06>

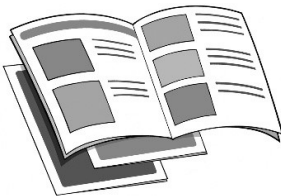


You can also send us a 3 minute video by recording it at:

www.videomail.io



You can give your feedback as part of an organisation / group using our **consultation toolkit**.



Here a **consultation toolkit** is information that tells you how to give feedback from your group.



To get a consultation toolkit **email** us
at:

disabilitystrategy@whaikaha.govt.nz



The date to give your feedback by is
Sunday 28 September 2025.

Why do we need a disability strategy?



The New Zealand Disability Strategy tells government agencies what is important to:

- disabled people
- tāngata whaikaha Māori
- whānau / families.



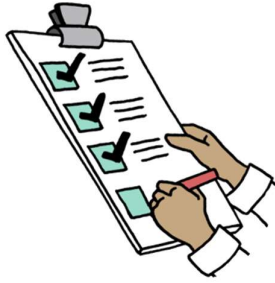
The New Zealand Disability Strategy shows where change is needed.



This is so disabled people can:

- be leaders
- have good lives
- take part in their community.





The strategy will also be part of how New Zealand works towards what we need to do for the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**.



The **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** is a law lots of countries have agreed to.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is also called the **UNCRPD**.



It says what governments must do to make sure disabled people get the same rights as everybody else.



Find out more about the UNCRPD at this webpage:

<https://shorturl.at/7bkgj>



This webpage has an Easy Read version of the UNCRPD.



Whaikaha will also use the New Zealand Disability Strategy to:

- check how the lives of disabled people are being made better
- support the rights of:
 - disabled people
 - tāngata whaikaha Māori.



What have we done about the draft strategy so far?



In 2025 we have worked on refreshing the:

- **visions** of the strategy
- **principles** of the strategy.



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



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

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



We did this by talking to:

- disabled people's organisations
- tāngata whaikaha Māori:
 - groups
 - whānau / families.



We have also made **working groups**.



Here a **working group**:

- is a group of people who know lots of things about disability
- meets to talk about important things to do with the New Zealand Disability Strategy refresh.





For our **priority outcome areas** the working groups came up with:

- **goals**
- why things need to change
- **actions.**



Here **priority outcome areas** are the things that are most important to work on in the New Zealand Disability Strategy refresh.



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



Actions are things we will do to work towards meeting a goal.



The priority outcome areas of the New Zealand Disability Strategy refresh are:

- education / school
- employment / jobs
- health
- housing
- **justice.**

Here **justice** means things to do with New Zealand law like:

- police
- courts
- prisons.



Find out more about the working groups at this **webpage**:

<https://shorturl.at/bWJDf>



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What will happen next?



We will look at all the feedback when the consultation is done.



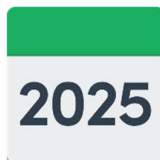
The feedback will be used to update the draft strategy.



The draft strategy will then go to **Cabinet** for them to decide on.



Here **Cabinet** is a group of senior government ministers who make important decisions.



The aim is to put out the finished New Zealand Disability Strategy 2026 – 2030 in December 2025.

More information



The disability strategy we are using now is the New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016 – 2026.



The New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016 – 2026 is at this **webpage**:

<https://shorturl.at/oEB9X>



There is an Easy Read version of the New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016 – 2026 at that webpage.



Data insights were used as part of the New Zealand Disability Strategy refresh.



Data insights are sets of information that show what groups of people:

- are doing
- need.



The data insights used in the New Zealand Disability Strategy refresh are at this webpage:

<https://shorturl.at/dfqoK>



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Cabinet papers on the New Zealand Disability Strategy are at this webpage:

<https://shorturl.at/uICM0>



A **Cabinet paper** has information in it that Cabinet needs to:

- know about
- make a decision about.



Some of the Cabinet papers are in Easy Read.



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