

Draft New Zealand Disability Strategy 2026 to 2030

Part 1: Introduction



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About this Easy Read



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



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



The **New Zealand Disability Strategy** tells 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.

The strategy is in the **draft** stage.

Draft means writing something for the first time.

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

This Easy Read is by the **Ministry of Disabled People – Whaikaha**.



The **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 we mean the 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.

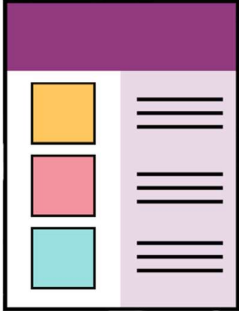
A call going out to the world, to the
disabled world.



We welcome your chiefly thoughts to
this important discussion.

We welcome all.

Parts of the strategy



There are 4 parts to the draft strategy which are:

- Part 1: Introduction to the strategy
- Part 2: Background of the strategy
- Part 3: **Vision** and **principles** for the strategy
- Part 4: **Priority outcome areas** and **actions** for 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



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



Actions are things we will do as part of meeting a goal.



Parts 3 and 4 of the strategy are the parts where people can tell us what they think of the draft strategy.

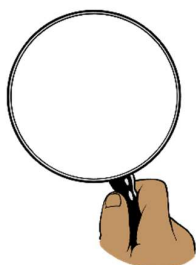


You can learn about the parts of the strategy that you are interested in.



You do not need to know all the draft strategy to give feedback.

What we find out will be used to write the final strategy.



The final strategy will then be checked by **Cabinet**.



Cabinet is a group of Government ministers who make a lot of choices about what the government will do.



You can find Easy Read information about the parts of the strategy at:

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

How to have your say



There are lots of ways to have your say on the draft strategy.



There are meetings you can go to:

- online
- in person.



You will need to tell us you want to go to 1 of these meetings.



You can tell us you want to go to 1 of these meetings at:

<https://shorturl.at/zuF06>

You can also:



- send us a 3 minute video of your feedback by recording it at:

www.videomail.io



- email us your feedback at:

disabilitystrategy@whaikaha.govt.nz



- use our accessible online feedback form on our website at:

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



To find the accessible forms at the website click on the heading called:

How to have your say



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



You can have your say until **Sunday 28 September 2025**.

People we want to thank



We would like to thank Associate Professor Sonja Macfarlane for sharing the braided river framework called He Awa Whiria with our working groups.



Here a **working group**:

- is a group of people who know a lot of things about disability
- meets to talk about important things to do with the draft strategy.



He Awa Whiria was created by the late Professor Angus Hikairo Macfarlane.



He Awa Whiria was used to guide the work done by the **working groups**.



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We would also like to thank the members of these working groups.



Thank you also to everyone who has been part of our workshops for creating the draft vision and principles for the strategy.



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