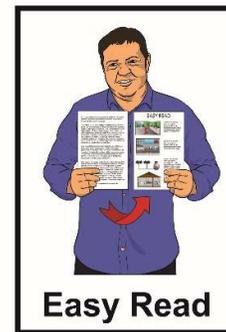




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# **Cabinet paper about Disability System Transformation:**

- **Setting up a Ministry for Disabled People**
- **New Zealand wide Enabling Good Lives programme**



**October 2021**

## Before you start



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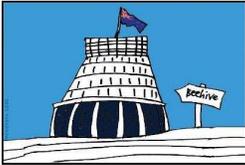
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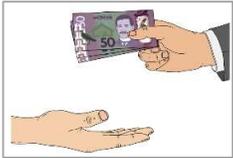
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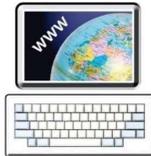
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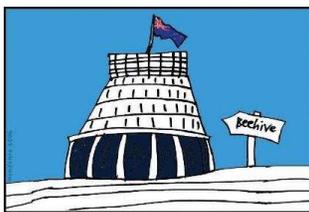


This Easy Read document is about a **Cabinet paper** to do with **Disability System Transformation**.



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

- know
- make a decision about.



**Cabinet** is a group of senior government ministers.



Cabinet meets to make important decisions.



**Disability System Transformation**  
is about having better outcomes for  
**disabled people.**



In this document when we say  
**disabled people** this means:

- disabled adults
- disabled tamariki / children
- disabled rangatahi / young people
- tāngata whaikaha Māori.





This document is an Easy Read **summary** of some of the things in the Cabinet paper.

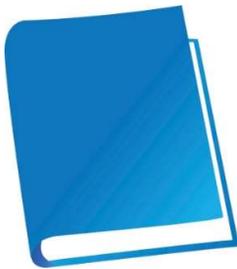


**A summary:**

- is shorter
- tells you the main ideas.

## What is the Cabinet paper about?

The Cabinet paper is called:



**Disability System Transformation:  
establishing a Ministry for  
Disabled People and national  
implementation of the Enabling  
Good Lives approach.**



This Cabinet paper is for the **Cabinet  
Social Wellbeing Committee.**



You can find a list of the government  
ministers who are on the Cabinet  
Social Wellbeing Committee at this  
**website:**

**[https://dpmc.govt.nz/cabinet-committees/  
swc-cabinet-social-wellbeing-committee](https://dpmc.govt.nz/cabinet-committees/swc-cabinet-social-wellbeing-committee)**



The Government wants a disability system that has better outcomes for:

- disabled people
- tāngata whaikaha Māori
- whānau / family including:
  - parents
  - caregivers
  - guardians.



The saying:

**Nothing about us without us**

is important in all the work that needs to be done to have a better disability system.



Also important to the work that needs to be done are:



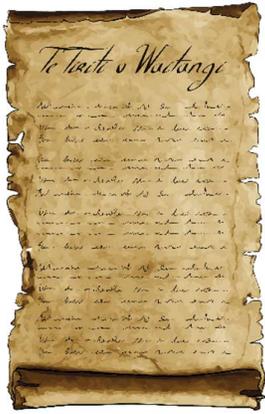
- **te Tiriti o Waitangi or the Treaty of Waitangi**



- **the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

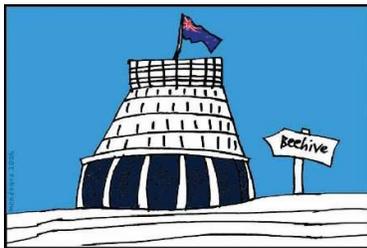


- **the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.**



**The Treaty of Waitangi / te Tiriti o Waitangi** is a legal document that was signed in 1840.

**The Treaty / te Tiriti** is important to New Zealand.



It is about Māori and the New Zealand Government:

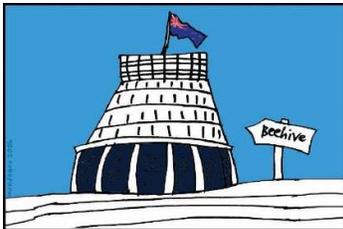
- making decisions together
- protecting things that are important to Māori.





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

The UNCRPD is a law lots of countries have agreed to.



In 2008 the New Zealand Government said that we agree with the UNCRPD.

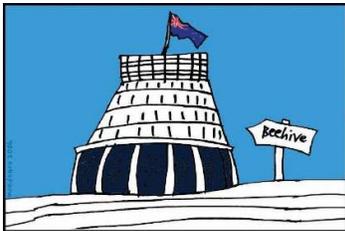


It says what governments must do to make sure disabled people get the same rights as everybody else.

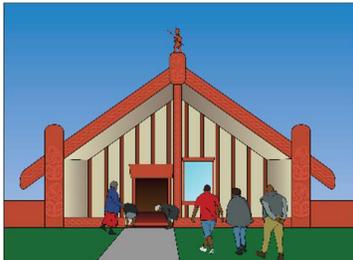


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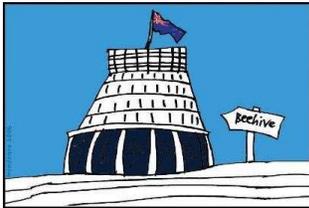
In 2010 the New Zealand Government said that we agree with the UNDRIP.



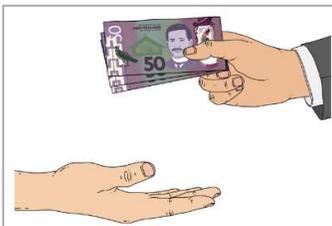
It says what governments must do to make sure **indigenous** people get the same rights as everyone else



Māori are the indigenous people of Aotearoa New Zealand.



## Enabling Good Lives



For disability system transformation to work well the Cabinet paper is asking that Cabinet say yes to 3 main things:

1. the setting up of a new **Ministry for Disabled People**
2. the setting up of the **Enabling Good Lives** programme across all of New Zealand
3. some **funding** to set up the new Ministry.

# 1. Ministry for Disabled People

## The Ministry for Disabled People:



- will be supported by the Ministry for Social Development
- will work with other government agencies
- will make disability support services better for disabled people and their families / whānau.

Over time the Ministry for Disabled People will:



Enabling Good Lives

- take on the running of **Disability Support Services** from the Ministry of Health
- set up **Enabling Good Lives** in all parts of New Zealand.



**Disability Support Services** is sometimes also called **DSS**.

DSS looks after the funding of disability support services.

Some examples of DSS are:

- supported living
- respite services
- home support
- community residential support
- individualised funding
- carer support.

The Ministry for Disabled People will also look at other things that could be put in place to improve outcomes for disabled people.



The new Ministry for Disabled People could start from **1 July 2022**.

This timing would work well with the setting up of:

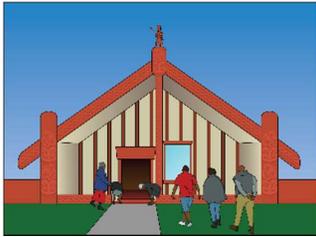


- **Health New Zealand**
- **Māori Health Authority.**



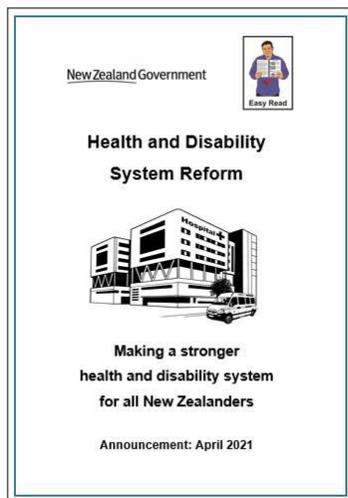
**Health New Zealand** will be the health service for the whole of New Zealand.

It will mean everyone will get good care wherever they live.



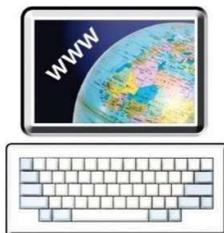
The **Māori Health Authority** will make sure:

- Māori get better healthcare
- there are services that are a good fit for Māori.



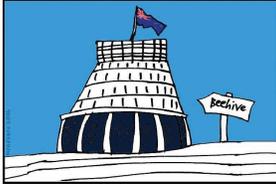
You can find more information about Health New Zealand and the Māori Health Authority in an Easy Read document called:

**Health and Disability System Reform: Making a stronger health and disability system for all New Zealanders.**



You can find this document at this **website**:

**<https://dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2021-05/health-reform-white-paper-summary-easy-may21.pdf>**



The name for the new Ministry for Disabled People has not yet been decided.



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Public Service Commission

The name for the new Ministry will be decided by the:



- Minister for the Public Service
- Minister for Disability Issues
- Minister of Health.



To make this decision about the new name they will get ideas from:

- disabled people
- people who support disabled people like family / whānau
- services that support disabled people.

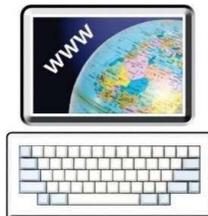




The Ministry for Disabled People could also do the work needed from decisions made about **Accelerating Accessibility**.

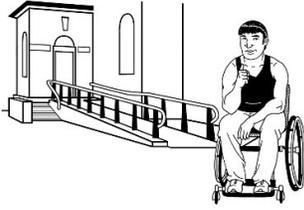


**Accelerating Accessibility** means looking at what needs to be done to make New Zealand accessible for disabled people faster.



You can find an Easy Read translation of the new **Cabinet Paper: Accelerating Accessibility in New Zealand** at this **website**.

**[www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/cabinet-papers/2021/accelerating-accessibility.html](http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/cabinet-papers/2021/accelerating-accessibility.html)**



The Government wants to make New Zealand a more **accessible** place for disabled people to live.



**Accessible** means that disabled people can:

- get into / move around in buildings
- use services easily
- get around in their community
- understand what is being said
- get information in ways that they can understand.

## 2. Enabling Good Lives

### Enabling Good Lives



**Enabling Good Lives** is a different way of thinking about disability support.

Enabling Good Lives is about having:

- choice and control in your life
- the support you need and want
- a good life.

**Enabling Good Lives** has been working with disabled people in:



- Bay of Plenty
- Waikato
- Christchurch.

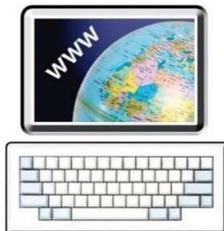


Enabling Good Lives has also been working with disabled people in the **MidCentral** region where it is known as Mana Whaikaha.



The **MidCentral** area includes:

- Palmerston North
- Horowhenua
- Manawatū
- Ōtaki
- Tararua.



You can find more information about Enabling Good Lives at this **website**:

**[www.enablinggoodlives.co.nz](http://www.enablinggoodlives.co.nz)**



The Ministry of Health is the government agency that looks after Enabling Good Lives.



The Cabinet paper asks Cabinet to say yes to:

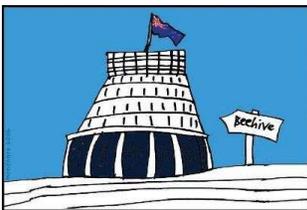
- Enabling Good Lives being rolled out across all of New Zealand
- the Ministry for Disabled People taking over the running of Enabling Good Lives.

**Enabling Good Lives**

### 3. Funding



**Funding** is money from the Government.



The Cabinet paper asks Cabinet to say yes to 5 million dollars in funding to set up a **Transition Team**.



The **Transition Team** will work to:

- get the Ministry for Disabled People set up
- move DSS services from the Ministry of Health to the Ministry for Disabled People.
- get as many of these things as possible ready to start from 1 July 2022.





When getting all these things set up the Transition Team will also make sure they talk to:

- disabled people
- whānau / family
- Māori.

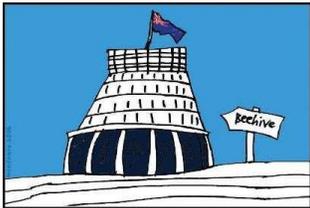


## What will happen next?



The Minister for Disability Issues and the Minister of Health will report back to the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee in early 2022.

They will give more information to Cabinet about:



- how to set up the new Ministry for Disabled People
- how to set up Enabling Good Lives across all of New Zealand
- other things that could be put in place to make sure there are better supports for disabled people.

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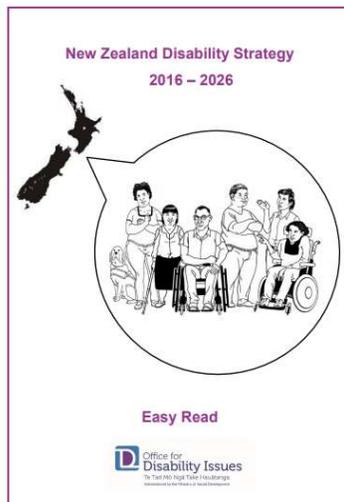




The Ministers will also give information to the Cabinet about what could happen with the **Office for Disability Issues**.



The Office for Disability Issues is part of the Ministry of Social Development.



The Office for Disability works with all government departments to put in place the things in the **New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016 – 2026**.



The **New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016 – 2026** works to make sure disabled people:



- are treated fairly
- get what they need to have a good life
- are part of the community
- can make their own decisions.



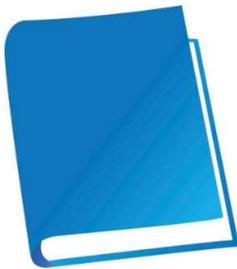
You can find more information about the Office for Disability Issues and the New Zealand Disability Strategy at this **website**:



**[www.odi.govt.nz](http://www.odi.govt.nz)**

## Where to find more information

The full Cabinet paper is called:

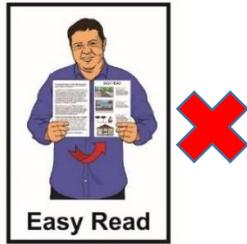


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on the Ministry of Social  
Development **website**.

**[www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/cabinet-papers/2021/disability-system-transition.html](http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/cabinet-papers/2021/disability-system-transition.html)**



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You can also contact the **Ministry of Social Development**.

**Phone: 04 916 3300**



**Email: [info@msd.govt.nz](mailto:info@msd.govt.nz)**



You can ask them to post you a copy of the Cabinet paper.



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