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New Zealand Government



A new Ministry for Disabled People is coming



What is the new Ministry for Disabled People?



The new **Ministry for Disabled People** will start on 1 July 2022.



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

In this document we will call it the **Ministry**.



The new Ministry will work to make life better for all **disabled people** in New Zealand.



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

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

In this document when we say **disability community** we mean:

- disabled people
- the whānau / families of disabled people.



The Ministry for Disabled People is a new part of the New Zealand government that will:

- make disability support services better for disabled people and their whānau / families
- use an **Enabling Good Lives** way of doing things
- work with other government agencies to better support disabled people.



Enabling Good Lives



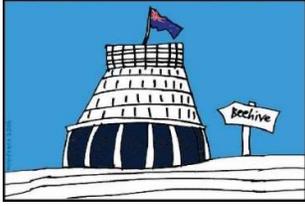
Enabling Good Lives is a different way of thinking about disability support.

Enabling Good Lives is about having:

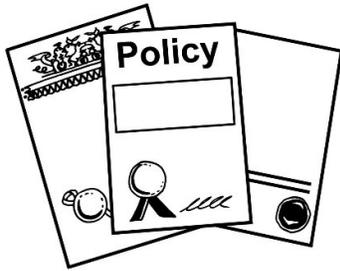
- choice and control in your life
- the support you need and want
- a good life.

The new Ministry will:

- work to support the disability community
- work with the disability community
- work with tāngata whaikaha Māori.



The new Ministry will also lead the New Zealand government on **policy support**.



Policy support is when the Ministry guides the government on how to write new ways of working with disability issues like law changes.



The Ministry will lead the policy changes for all disabled people.

What is the Establishment Unit?



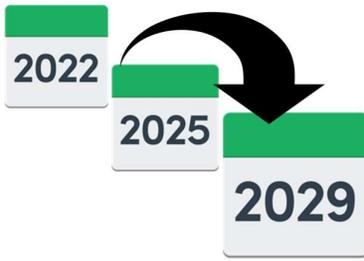
The Establishment Unit is a team of people working hard to get the new Ministry ready to start from 1 July 2022.



The Establishment Unit will make sure the new Ministry has everything it needs to be ready for when it starts like:

- a name
- a place where its main office can be found
- staff who are people who work with / for the new Ministry
- everything that it needs to carry out the day to day work.





The Establishment Unit is also making sure the new Ministry is set up so it can do its work well for a long time.



This means the Ministry will:

- listen to what disabled people / disability community tell them



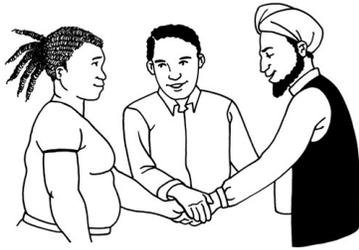
- **work in partnership** with disabled people / disability community



- work in a way that follows **Te Tiriti o Waitangi / Treaty of Waitangi**

- work in a way that uses an Enabling Good Lives way of doing things.

Enabling Good Lives



Working in partnership means working together to:

- share ideas
- find the best ways for things to work.



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

Te Tiriti / The Treaty is about Māori and the New Zealand Government:

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



Following Te Tiriti / The Treaty means making sure that tāngata whaikaha / disabled Māori are fully involved in any decisions.



It will take time for the new Ministry to be fully put together.

Disabled people / disability community will always be an important part of:



- how the new Ministry is set up
- how the new Ministry does the work it does.

Answers to some key questions



Will my disability support services change?

The disability support services that you already get will not change.



Your disability support services will stay the same during the time it takes for the new Ministry to begin.



Why is the new Ministry not rolling out Enabling Good Lives straight away?



There is a lot of work that needs to be done on the new Ministry such as:

- working out how Enabling Good Lives will be rolled out across the country
- building on work that has already been done for disability support systems.



Many communities need time to put together a good working team.



These teams will work with the new Ministry to bring Enabling Good Lives to the area where they live.



Where can I get more information about:

- **the work that is being done**
- **anything about the new Ministry?**



You can send us an email so we can send you newsletter updates.



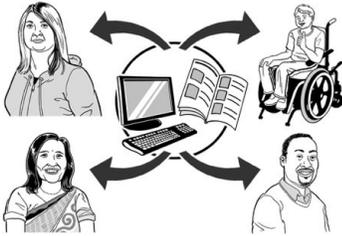
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You can find out more ways to contact us at the end of this document.

How to contact us



The Establishment Unit will tell the new **Chief Executive** of the Ministry what disabled people / disability community told them.



The **Chief Executive** is the person who oversees the work of the Ministry.



Everyone in the disability community is welcome to have their say.



The Establishment Unit have been working with an organisation called **All is for All** to set up an online place called **AmplifyU**.



AmplifyU is an online place for people to have their say about the new Ministry.

You can find AmplifyU:



- on **Facebook**:

AmplifyU.NZ



- at this **website**:

www.amplifyU.org.nz/amplifyU

You can also contact the
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- **phone:**

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