

# Tuatahi: Whārangi ipurangi – Whakahou Pūnaha Whaikaha

E tupu ana te whakaaetanga o te rahi o te hapori whaikaha, tō rātou raukaha me te karanga hoki kia mahi tahi ki a rātou ki te whakawhanake i ngā kaupapa here, i ngā ratonga whaikaha hoki mō ngā tāngata whaikaha.

Kua nui ake i te tekau tau e haere ana ngā mahi mō te Whakahou Pūnaha Whaikaha, ā, e whakapūioitia ana e te moemoeā o Mana Whaikaha (EGL) kia whiriwhiri ai, kia mana motuhake ai ngā tāngata whaikaha me ō rātou whānau ki runga i ā rātou ratonga tautoko me ō rātou oranga. Kua angitu i roto i te wā. He mahere pāpori e kīia ana he Ratonga Hauātanga o Aotearoa me ētahi mōtika ā-ture pērā i Te Reo Turi o Aotearoa, hei reo whai mana. Nā Aotearoa, nā ngā tāngata hoki o Aotearoa i pau te kaha ki te whakawhanake i te Whakapuakitanga o te Rūnanga Whakakotahi i Ngā Iwi o te Ao mō Ngā Tika o Te Hunga Hauā (CRPD) i whakaoti atu i te tau 2006.

E hia kē nei ngā rōpū e hāpai ana i ngā tōpūtanga whaikaha pērā i te Whakakotahitanga o ngā Rōpū Hunga Hauā (DPOs), e kōkiri ana, e mahi tahi ana hoki ki te Kāwanatanga. I whakatūria a Tā Robert Martin ki te Komiti UN ki te aroturuki i te CRPD i te tau 2016, ā, i te tau 2020 i whakawhiwhia tuatahitia e ia, e tētahi tangata whaikaha, ki te Tohu Tā. Ko tana hīkoi – mai i tētahi tamaiti, rangatahi hoki i whakatupuria ki ngā whare o te kāwanatanga, ki tētahi rangatira o te ao, e whakaahua ana i ngā kōrero mō te whaikaha; te whakatāuketanga, karekau he kōwhiringa, he mana rānei kia kotahi, kia takoha, kia ārahi.

E mihi maioha ana ki ngā tāngata whaikaha me ō rātou kaikōkiri i ārahi i a tātou ki tēnei rangi tonu me te whakamānawa hoki i tō rātou māia, pūmau, aronga whakamua ki te turaki i ngā taiapa ki te kotahitanga, ki te mahinga tahitanga.

Engari, he nui tonu ngā tōritetanga, ā, mō ētahi, ko te mana motuhake me te āheinga kia kotahi i roto i te hapori, kei tua o tāwauwau.

Ko te moemoeā me ngā mātāpono o Mana Whaikaha (EGL) i waihangatia e tētahi rōpū tāngata whaikaha motuhake, e ō rātou whāmere, whānau, kaikōkiri, hoa hoki hei whakarite i te tūāpapa mō te huringa hou mō te tautoko whaikaha.

Ko te tauira EGL i whakamātauria ki ngā Ratonga Tautoko Whaikaha ki Ōtautahi, ki Waikato me te Puku o te Ika. Engari ia, e whakaae ana te Kāwanatanga me whai huringa ā-motu mō te Tautoko Whaikaha e hāngai ana ki ngā mahi o te EGL, ā, e whāia haerehia ana kia whānui te huringa i tua atu i ngā ratonga e pā ana ki ngā take whaikaha.

E whakatūria ana e te Kāwanatanga he Manatū mō ngā Tāngata Whaikaha ki te para i te huarahi kia tika te kotahitanga i waenga i te hapori whaikaha me te kāwanatanga, me te whakahou haere i te pūnaha whaikaha kia hāngai ki ngā mahi o te Mana Whaikaha (EGL).

# **Item One: Web copy - Disability System Transformation**

There is growing recognition of the size of the disability community, their capability and the need to engage them in the development to ensure disability policy and services work for disabled people.

Work on Disability System Transformation has been ongoing for more than a decade and is underpinned by the Enabling Good Lives (EGL) vision that all disabled people and their families have greater choice and control over their supports and lives. There have been successes. A social model based New Zealand Disability Strategy and numerous pieces of rights-based legislation, including the promotion of NZ Sign Language as an official language. New Zealand and New Zealanders had significant input in the development of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) which was finalised in 2006.

Several groups are part of disability-led Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs), which both advocate and partner with Government. Sir Robert Martin was elected to the UN Committee to monitor the CRPD in 2016, and in 2020 became the first learning disabled New Zealander to receive a Knighthood. His life journey – from institutionalised as a child and young person to international leader demonstrates the disability story, from segregation, with little choice and control to inclusion, to contribution, to leadership.

We acknowledge and mihi to disabled people and their allies who have led us to where we are today and seek to honour their commitment, determination, and foresight to continue to remove barriers to full participation and inclusion.

But considerable inequities remain, and for many, self-determination, and ability to full participate in society remain out of reach.

The Enabling Good Lives (EGL) vision and principles were developed by an independent working group of disabled people, their families and whānau, advocates and allies as the foundation for a transformative change to disability support.

The EGL model has been trialled for the delivery of Disability Support Services in Christchurch, the Waikato, and mid-central. However, Government recognises there needs to be a national transformation of Disability Support, in line with the EGL approach, and has an ambition for transition broader than services relating to disability issues.

Government is introducing a Ministry for Disabled People to lead the realisation of a true partnership between the disability community and government, and to help drive ongoing transformation of the disability system in line with the Enabling Good Lives (EGL) approach.

Kātahi rā te wā ko tēnei. Mā te Manatū whaikaha motuhake e āhei ana te torowhānui ā-tangata, ā-whānau hoki ki te whakatika i ngā tōritenga me te whakatutuki hoki i ngā moemoeā me ngā āheinga mō ngā tāngata whaikaha, mō ngā whānau.

Kua whakapau kaha te Kāwanatanga ki te mahi tahi ki ngā tāngata whaikaha me ētahi atu o te rāngai whaikaha kia kua anake e tutuki i ngā panonitanga, engari kia aumārire, me te haere tonu o ngā mahi e rongohia ai ngā reo katoa kua roa e pakanga ana kia rongohia, kia kitea.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. A dedicated disability Ministry will enable a holistic whole-of-life, whole-of-whānau approach to addressing inequities and realising aspirations and opportunities for disabled people and whānau.

Government has been working hard with disabled people and others in the disability sector to ensure we achieve not only lasting change, but consensus, and that work will continue, ensuring that all voices that have struggled to be heard are recognised.