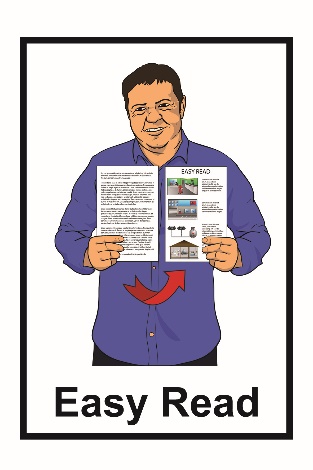
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Cabinet paper from the

Minister for Disability Issues:

Accelerating Accessibility in

New Zealand



**October 2021**

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* read it a few pages at a time
* have someone help you to understand it.

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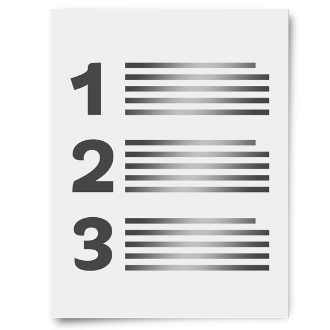
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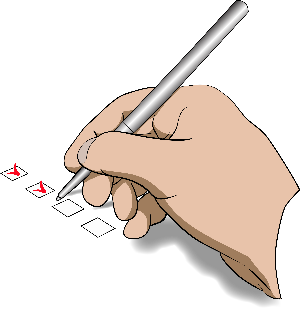
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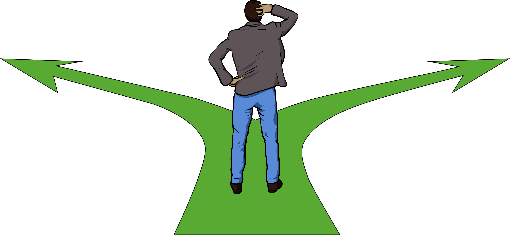
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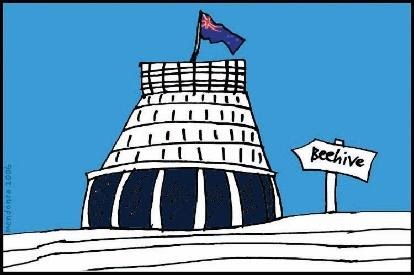


This Easy Read document is about a **Cabinet paper** to do with **Accelerating Accessibility** in New Zealand.

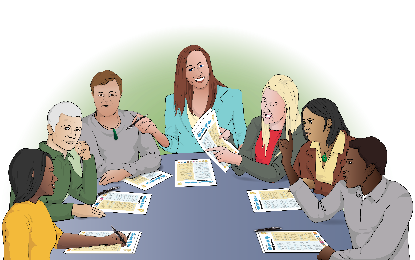


A **Cabinet paper** has information in it that **Cabinet** needs to:

* know
* make a decision about.



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



Cabinet meets to make important decisions.

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

A person standing at a podium

Description automatically generated with medium confidenceThe Cabinet paper is from the Minister for Disability Issues.

The Minister for Disability Issuesis Carmel Sepuloni.



The 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**

****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?**



TheCabinet paper is to do with making sure that New Zealand is **accessible** for disabled people.



**Accessible** can mean many different things for people.



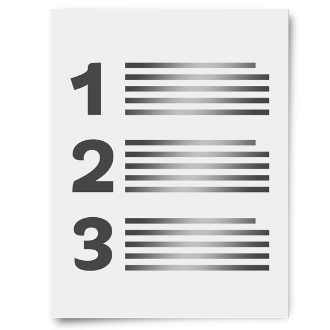
**Accessible** means that disabled people can:

* 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.

****This Easy Read translation looks at 3 parts of the Cabinet paper:

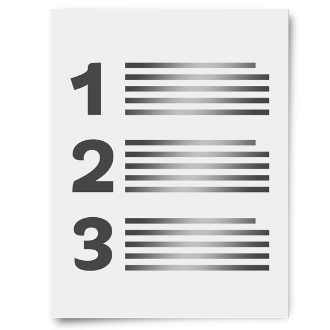
1. **Proposal**

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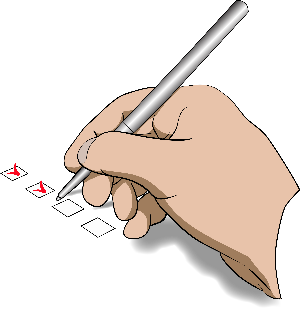
1. **Executive Summary**
2. **Recommendations**.



**Proposal** is the idea the Minister is asking the Cabinet to think about.

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**Executive Summary** looks at the important main messages in the Cabinet paper.



**Recommendations** are things that should be done.

1. **Proposal**

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The proposal in the paper asks the Cabinet to say yes to 2 things.

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1. Make a plan so that New Zealand can be more accessible for:

* disabled people

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* tāngata whaikaha Māori
* other people with access needs who might include:

older people

families with small children.

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Description automatically generatedThe proposal also asks Cabinet to say yes to:

1. A new **legislative framework** that will improve accessibility for disabled people.



A **legislative framework** is like a set of laws and other rules that must be followed.

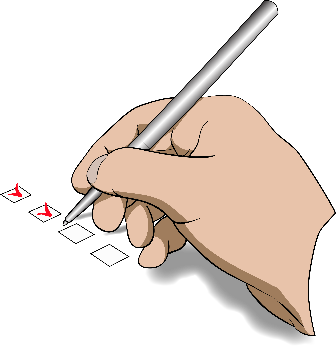


Having this legislative framework will:

* + support New Zealand to be more accessible
  + make a new **Accessibility Governance Board**.

A group of people sitting around a table

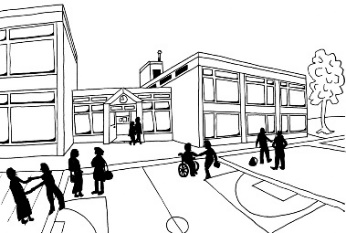
Description automatically generated with medium confidenceA **Governance Board** is a group of people who:

* decide what should be done
* check the right things are being done.

1. **Executive Summary**

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Accessibility is important because it means that disabled people:

* are able to be part of their community
* have the same access as everyone else to doing things like:
  + having work
  + getting an education
  + being able to vote in elections.

A person in a wheelchair

Description automatically generated with low confidenceWe need to remove the **barriers** that make accessiblity hard for disabled people.

A person holding a shield

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**Barriers** are things that make it hard for disabled people to live their lives.

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It is taking a long time to remove many of these barriers.

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There is no easy way of checking which of the barriers have been fixed.

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Description automatically generatedThe Government wants to make accessibility happen more quickly.

Shape

Description automatically generatedIn 2022 the Minister plans to have a new legislative framework.

The legislative framework will do 3 things:

* create an Accessibility Governance Board to involve disabled people

A group of people sitting around a table with a dog

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* A person sitting at a table with a computer

  Description automatically generated with medium confidencesupport government ministers to make better decisions about accessibility
* make sure there are people to lead the work on accessibility in the **public service**.

The **public service** means organisations that the Government runs like the Ministry of Social Development.

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Description automatically generatedThe changes will help New Zealand to be more accessible.

A picture containing text, person

Description automatically generatedThe changes will also support the Government to follow:

* the **New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016 – 2026**
* the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons**.

Diagram

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The **New Zealand Disability Strategy** 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.

**A group of people posing for the camera

Description automatically generated with medium confidenceThe** **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** is also called the **UNCRPD**.

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Description automatically generatedThe UNCRPD is a law lots of countries have agreed to.

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

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

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Description automatically generatedThe Government will need to make choices about how to make accessibility happen.

To decide the Government will ask lots of different **stakeholders**.



**Stakeholders** include:

* disabled people

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* family / whānau of disabled people
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* people who run businesses.

1. **Recommendations**



Minister Sepuloni makes some recommendations in this Cabinet paper.

Minister Sepuloni recommends:

* the Committee understands that the way things work now does not make things accessible enough.

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* it would be better to have a new way to make things accessible.

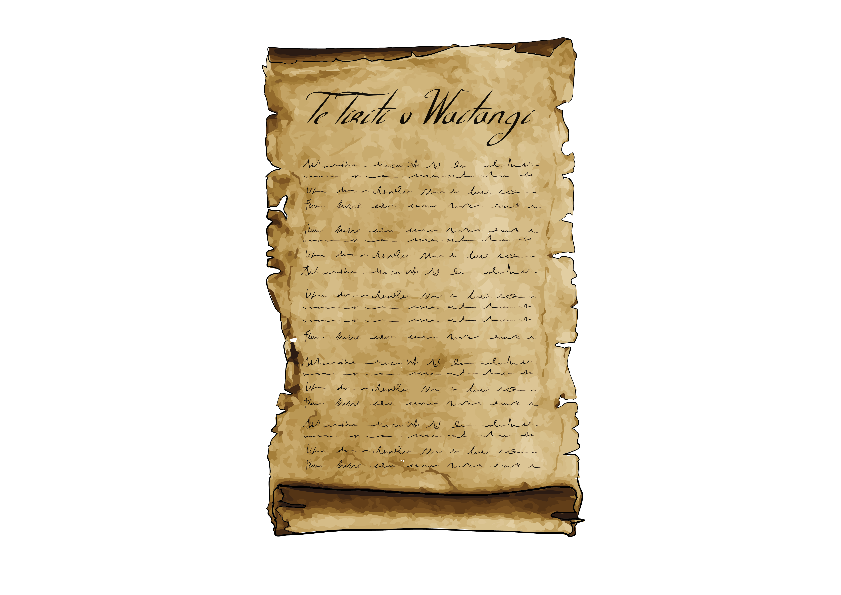
The Minister also recommends that the new way of doing things should have:

* + A person sitting at a table with a computer

    Description automatically generated with medium confidencegood leaders
  + different ways of making things accessible for disabled people
  + Text, whiteboard

    Description automatically generatedreally clear rules
  + ways of checking if the laws we have now work well for disabled people.

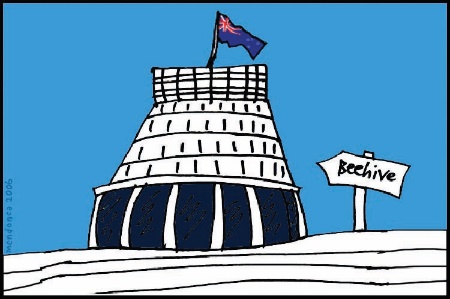
The Minister also recommends that the new way of doing things should follow the principles of **Te Tiriti o Waitangi**.

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**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.

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Description automatically generatedFollowing Te Tiriti o Waitangi means making sure that tāngata whaikaha / disabled Māori are fully involved including:

A baby sleeping in a stroller

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* + disabled rangitahi / young people
  + tamariki / children

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* + whānau / family.

The Minister also recommends that the Cabinet understands that the new way of working has been developed with the **Access Alliance**.



The **Access Alliance** is made up of:

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* disabled people
* disabled people's organisations
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* community organisations
* disability advocates.

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Description automatically generatedYou can find out more about the Access Alliance on their **website**:

[**https://www.accessalliance.org.nz**](https://www.accessalliance.org.nz/)

The Minister recommends that the Cabinet agrees the new legislative framework will also say:

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  Description automatically generatedhow people will will have a chance to say what they think including:
  + disabled people
  + A picture containing text, linedrawing

    Description automatically generatedtāngata whaikaha Māori
  + individual people
  + groups of people.

The Minister also recommends that the Cabinet agrees the new legislative framework will say:

* how the new way of doing things should work
* what the new Accessibility Governance Board will do

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* how people are chosen to go on the Board.

**Where to find more information**

The full version of the Cabinet paper is called:

**Accelerating Accessibility in New Zealand**



You can find the full version of the Cabinet paper at the **Ministry of Social Development website**:

**www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/cabinet-papers/2021/ accelerating-accessibility.html**



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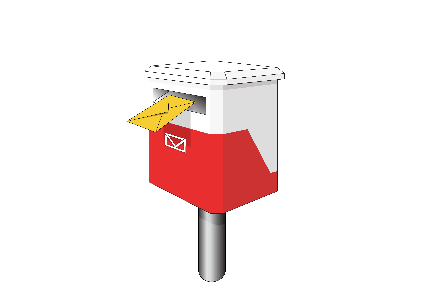


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