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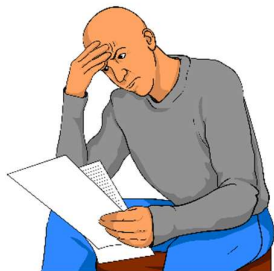


Cabinet paper update about Disability System Transformation



May 2022

Before you start



This is a long document.

While it is written in Easy Read it can be hard for some people to read a document this long.



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

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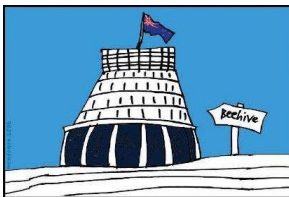
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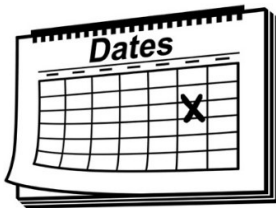
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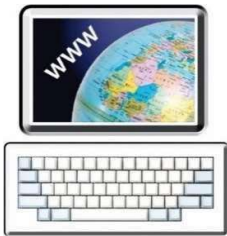
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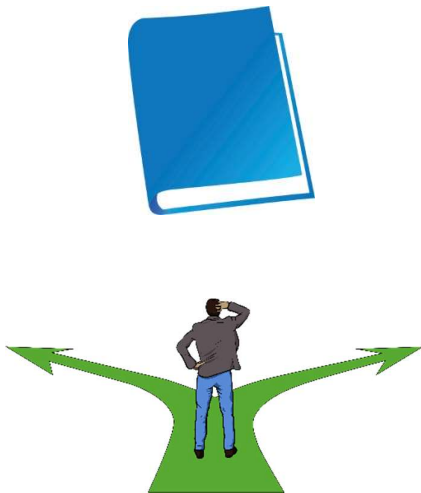


This Easy Read document is a **Cabinet paper update** about **Disability System Transformation**.



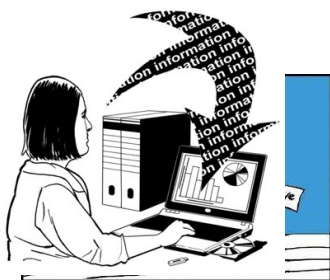
Cabinet:

- is a group of senior government ministers
- meets to make important decisions.



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

- know about
- make a decision about what happens.



An **update** is when you give someone new information to bring them up to date about something.



Disability System Transformation is about changing things so they work better 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.



What is the Cabinet paper about?

The Cabinet paper is called:



**Disability System Transformation
Update: May 2022**

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



The Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee is a group of government ministers who work on things to do with **social wellbeing**.



Social wellbeing is about making sure everyone has a good quality of life.



Social wellbeing makes sure that everyone:

- feels safe / healthy
- has access to the services they need
- has a safe place to live
- has strong social connections with other people in the community they are part of.



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>



The Cabinet paper gives Cabinet an update on the progress that has been made:



- in setting up the new Ministry for Disabled People
- on the roll out of the **Enabling Good Lives** approach to **Disability Support Services**.

Enabling Good Lives



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

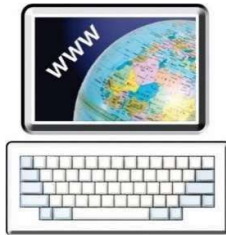
Enabling Good Lives is about having:

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





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



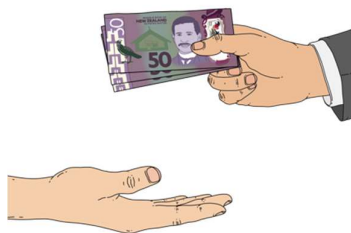
You can find more information about Enabling Good Lives at this **website**:

www.enablinggoodlives.co.nz



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

DSS look after the **funding** of disability support services.



Funding is money given to someone by the government for a particular purpose.



Some examples of disability support services are:

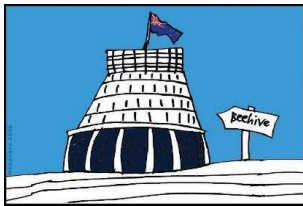
- supported living
- respite services
- home support
- community residential support
- individualised funding
- carer support.



The Cabinet paper update sets out:



- what kinds of roles the new Ministry for Disabled People will have
- how the Ministry for Disabled People will work with other government departments to make their disability systems better.



In this document when we say the **new Ministry** this means the new Ministry for Disabled People.



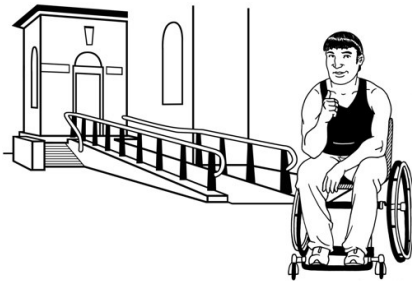
The Cabinet paper also outlines how other areas that work on things to do with disability could be made better.



For Disability System Transformation to work well the Cabinet paper update is asking that Cabinet say yes to 2 main things:



1. That the **Office for Disability Issues** will move to the new Ministry when it is set up
2. That the new Ministry will lead the work needed to make New Zealand a more **accessible** place for disabled people to live.



At the moment the **Office for Disability Issues** is part of the Ministry of Social Development.



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

www.odi.govt.nz



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.

What will the new Ministry do?



In October 2021 Cabinet said yes to setting up a new Ministry.

The new Ministry:



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



Enabling Good Lives



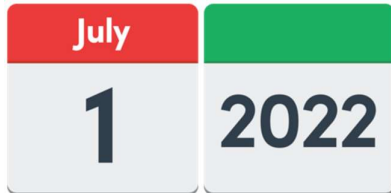
Over time the new Ministry will:

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

One of the most important things the new Ministry will do is support all disabled people in New Zealand to make decisions for themselves.

The new Ministry will support disabled people and their whānau / family to live better lives.

When will the new Ministry start?



The new Ministry will start from
1 July 2022.



A team of people called the **Establishment Unit** who work with the Ministry of Social Development are working hard to get the new Ministry ready for this date.



The people working at the Establishment Unit:

- want things to work better for the disabled community
- have a connection to the disabled community.





This connection could be because they:

- are disabled
- have disabled whānau / family members
- are caregivers for disabled people.



The Establishment Unit believes in the importance of:

Nothing about us without us.



This saying is important for all the work that needs to be done to make a better disability system in New Zealand.



The new Ministry will work with other government agencies to make sure that disabled people and their families are:

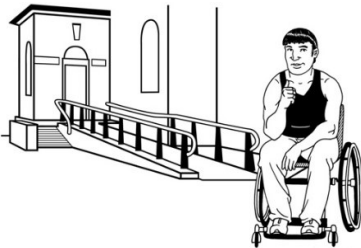
- listened to
- included in any decisions the government makes that will affect them.



How will the new Ministry make things better?



There are lots more ways the disability system can be made better in the future.



Some of the ways the disability system could be made better include:

- bringing accessibility and disability together in the new Ministry
- giving the new Ministry the power to lead changes that focus on disability across the government
- changing how disability support services think about disability.





The Cabinet paper says it would make things better if disability support services changed how they think about disability from:

a medical model of disability

to

a social model of disability.



The medical model of disability:

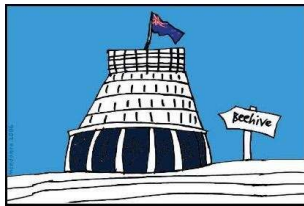
- says people are disabled by what they cannot do
- looks at what is wrong with person
- looks at what needs fixing in the person.





The **social model of disability**:

- says that a person is disabled by the world we live in rather than by their body or what they cannot do
- looks at what makes it hard for disabled people to live the life they choose.



The Cabinet paper also says it would be a good idea for the new Ministry to bring together:

- the Office for Disability Issues
- any work done on laws about accessibility.



This will make sure the new Ministry can make the big changes it wants.

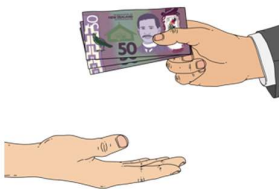
How will the Ministry of Health support the new Ministry?



The Ministry of Health will support the new Ministry to begin its work by:



- making sure the new Ministry and the disabled community can work together



- helping the new Ministry to work out how to spend their money to make things better



- working out ways that disabled people can decide how their funding will be used in a way that works for them / meets their needs

- working out a way that disabled people can move to / use Enabling Good Lives services.

Enabling Good Lives



The Ministry of Health will also support the new Ministry by helping them to:

- decide the best ways of working
- check how well the new Ministry is working.



The Ministry of Health will assist the new Ministry as it works to support disabled people and their families take control of their own lives.

Where to find more information



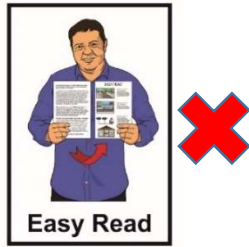
The full Cabinet paper is called:

Disability System Transformation Update



You can find the full Cabinet paper on the Ministry of Social Development **website**.

www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/cabinet-papers/2022/disability-system-transformation.html



The full Cabinet paper is not in Easy Read.



You may want to ask someone to assist you to read it.



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

Phone: 04 916 3300



Email: info@msd.govt.nz



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



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