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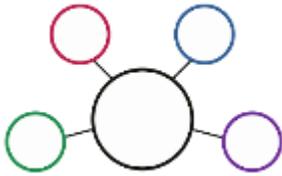
# **Disabled People's Organisations Coalition**



**May 2022 update**



## What is the DPO Coalition?



The **Disabled People's Organisations Coalition** is a group of people who come from different disability organisations.



A **coalition** is a group of organisations that work towards shared goals.

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The Disabled People's Organisations Coalition is also called **DPO Coalition**.

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The DPO Coalition is made up of members from these 5 disability organisations:



1. People First New Zealand – Ngā Tangata Tuatahi



2. Disabled Peoples Assembly



3. Deaf Aotearoa



4. Blind Citizens New Zealand

Blind Citizens NZ



Muscular Dystrophy  
New Zealand

5. Muscular Dystrophy Association of New Zealand.



The DPO Coalition meets about every 6 weeks to talk about important things.



The DPO Coalition talks with the Government about things to do with disability.



This is an Easy Read document about the main messages from the DPO Coalition meeting they had in May 2022.

## Congratulating Doctor Jonathan Godfrey



The DPO Coalition congratulated Doctor Jonathan Godfrey for being made an **Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit.**



Blind Citizens NZ

Doctor Godfrey is a representative of Blind Citizens New Zealand.

Doctor Godfrey was made an Officer for all his service to:



- disabled people
- blind and low vision people.



He was given his award on the first day of the DPO Coalition meeting.

## Care in the Community support.



The DPO Coalition was happy that the Ministry for Disability People will add about \$60 million in funding for **Care in the Community Support**.

## Te Aka Matua o te Ture / Law Commission



The DPO Coalition met with a team from the Law Commission to talk about **Ngā Huarahi Whakatau – Review of Adult Decision-making Capacity Law**.

The Law Commission:



- told the DPO Coalition what this project was about
- talked with the DPO Coalition about how they want to be a part of this project.



# Te Huia Bill Hamilton



The DPO Coalition welcomed **Te Huia Bill Hamilton**.

The DPO Coalition talked about:



- tūrangawaewae / place where one has the right to stand
- what it means to them.



The DPO Coalition want to talk more with Te Huia Bill Hamilton about Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi.

# The Disability Convention in New Zealand



The DPO Coalition did a review of how well New Zealand is following the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.**



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



The **Independent Monitoring Mechanism** did a review on how well the New Zealand is doing at making sure disabled people get all their rights.

The Independent Monitoring Mechanism is also called the **IMM.**

The IMM is made up of 3 organisations:



- The DPO Coalition
- Office of Ombudsman
- Human Rights Commission.



People from different government agencies had a meeting online with the IMM to talk about the review.

The IMM is writing a report with information from:



- their meetings
- other information the IMM has about disability rights.



This report will be sent to the United Nations.



The United Nations International Committee will use this report when they review how well New Zealand is following the Disability Convention.



The United Nations will be doing their review in **August 2022**.

# United Nations review of the Disability Convention in New Zealand



The DPO Coalition will have a meeting with someone from the International Disability Alliance.



In the meeting they will prepare for when the United Nations reviews New Zealand.



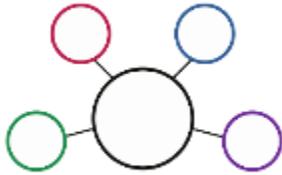
The DPO Coalition also agreed to make a **shadow report**.



A **shadow report** is a report by an organisation that does not work for the government.



The shadow report will focus on **general comment 7**.



**General comment 7** says that organisations that represent disabled people should be supported to be a part of:

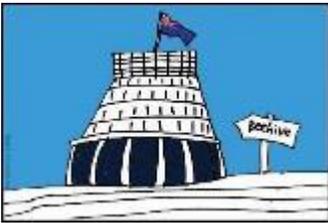


- how the Disability Convention looks in New Zealand
- checking on how New Zealand is following the Disability Convention.

# New Ministry for disabled people



A new **Ministry for Disabled People** is being set up.



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

- make disability support services better for disabled people and their whānau / families
- use an **Enabling Good Lives** way of doing things

**Enabling Good Lives**

**Enabling Good Lives** is a different way of thinking about disability support that gives people more choice and control.



The Ministry will be the first of its kind in the world.



The new Ministry will start on 1 July 2022.



There is an Establishment Unit working on setting up the new Ministry.



The DPO Coalition met with the Establishment Unit to talk about how disabled people will be a part of the:

- Establishment Unit
- new Ministry.



The DPO Coalition and the Establishment Unit also talked about:



- how to keep disabled people update to date with what is happening
- the use of alternate formats such as Easy Read
- how people will be able to give feedback to the ministry.



The Establishment Unit also said that Disability Support Services will move from the Ministry of Health to the new Ministry.

# Office for Disability Issues



The DPO met with people from the Office for Disability Issues.



They talked about:

- how the new Ministry for disabled people is coming along
- how things will be different when the new ministry opens on the 1 July 2022
- the importance of the New Zealand Disability Strategy
- the Wai 2575 Waitangi Tribunal process
- checking how the Disability Action Plan is going.



# Ministry of Social Development



The DPO Coalition met with the Ministry of Social Development to talk about changes:



- that might happen to the New Zealand Sign Language Act 2006
- to who can use community participation services
- to who can get support to find a job.



They also talked about where the Office for Disability Issues will be when the new Ministry for Disabled People is made.

# Ministry of Health

## Enabling Good Lives

The update from the Ministry of Health looked at the Enabling Good Lives **Kaitūhono / Connectors** roles.



Kaitūhono / Connectors work alongside disabled people to connect with:

- supports
- their communities.



Guides for the Kaitūhono / Connector roles are being written by the System Transformation Team that work for the Ministry of Health.



When the guides are finished the Establishment Unit for the new ministry will make sure the guides are:

- being followed
- fully accessible
- fully available.



The guides will be available to:

- disabled people
- tāngata whaikaha
- whānau / aiga / families.



# Statistics New Zealand



The DPO Coalition met with Ronelle Baker.



Baker is a **Senior Advisor – Census Accessibility** for Statistics New Zealand.



They talked about the impact COVID-19:

- has had on the recent Census
- will have if the Census is taken again in 2023.



## Voice of disabled people



The Government meets with the DPO Coalition so that disabled people are able to have a say in the decisions being made.



The DPO Coalition is always looking for new organisations to join us.



You can contact us by **emailing** us:

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