



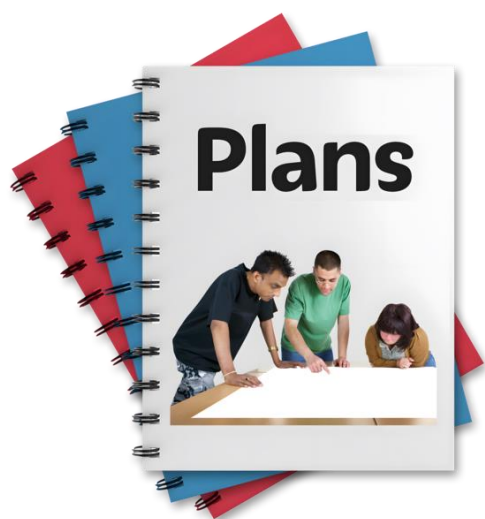
Speaking up about the Draft

New Zealand Disability Strategy

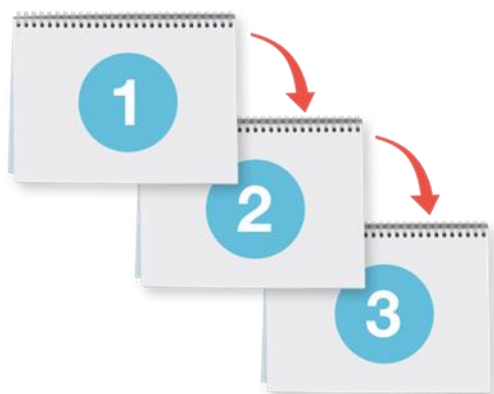
Enabling Good Lives



Groups of leaders have been working on an updated **New Zealand Disability Strategy**.

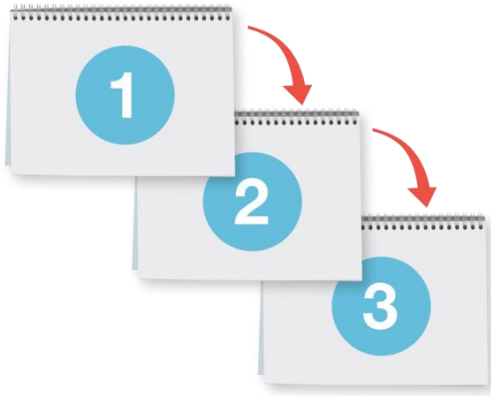


The **New Zealand Disability Strategy** is about telling the Government how to make things better for disabled people in Aotearoa New Zealand.



The updated New Zealand Disability Strategy is a **draft**.

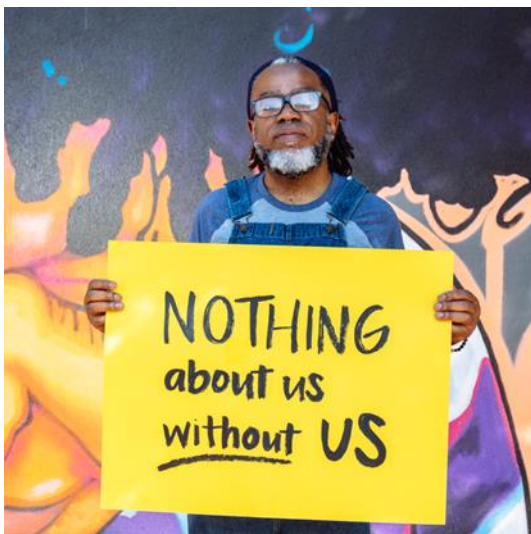
In this document we will call it the Draft Strategy.



Draft means a first go at writing something.



The Draft Strategy does not talk about **Enabling Good Lives**.



Enabling Good Lives is a way of working that empowers disabled people, tāngata whaikaha, families and whānau.

EGL

In this document we will use the letters EGL to mean Enabling Good Lives.



The **National EGL Leadership Group** wants EGL to be part of the Vision and Principles in the Draft Strategy.



The **National EGL Leadership Group** are the community guardians of the EGL:

- Approach
- Vision
- Principles.

The National EGL Leadership Group is made up of:



- Disabled people
- Tāngata whaikaha
- Families and whānau
- Pacific peoples
- Someone who works to support disabled people and tāngata whaikaha.



There is also support from people who work for the government.



The Draft Strategy is out for **consultation**.



Consultation means asking people what they think before making final decisions.



Please speak up! We need to make sure work done over the last 10 years by disabled people, tangata whaikaha, families, whānau, and the people who support us is not lost.

Ways to speak up



Find ways to speak up at

www.whaikaha.govt.nz/about-us/our-work/new-zealand-disability-strategy-refresh#scroll-to-3



You can fill in a feedback form on an accessible **online platform**.

An **online platform** means doing something on a computer program on the internet.

The online platform has:



- Larger text
- Easy Read
- Read aloud
- New Zealand Sign Language
- Voice recording.



Click **Activate Easy Read** to put images beside the questions.

You can go to a meeting in person.



The first meeting will be on:

Tuesday 2 September

10.00 am to 2.00 pm

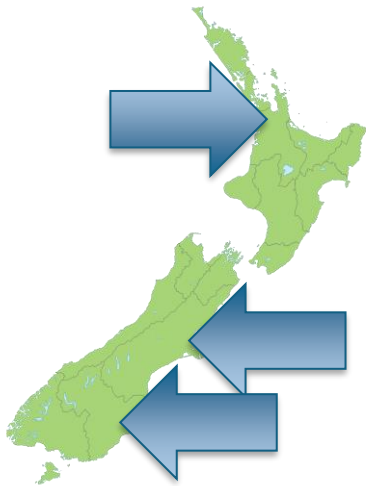
At Pātaka Art Museum on the corner of Norrie and Parumoana Streets in Porirua.



Click here to sign up for the Wellington meeting

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SZHQZW5>

There will be meetings in:



- Auckland in September
- Christchurch on a day between 21 and 28 September
- Dunedin on a day between 21 and 28 September.



Click here to say you want to know more about these meetings

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QZND6KD>

There is a community meeting at
Independent Living:

Wednesday 20 August

9.30 am to 12.00 pm

14 Erson Avenue

Royal Oak

Auckland 1061



Everyone is welcome to join the
meeting but you need to let them
know you are coming by emailing
karen@ilsnz.org



You can record a 3 minute video of yourself speaking up.



Go to videomail.io to record a video and send it to disabilitystrategy@whaikaha.govt.nz



Email disabilitystrategy@whaikaha.govt.nz and ask for a **consultation toolkit**.

The EGL Principles



EGL is based on **principles**.



Principles are ideas that guide how we do things.



Self-determination

Disabled people and tāngata
whaikaha are in control of our
lives.



Beginning early

Disabled people and tāngata
whaikaha have supports when
we are young.



Person-centred

Disabled people and tāngata
whaikaha have supports that
meet our different needs.

Ordinary life outcomes



Disabled people and tāngata
whaikaha live in the same ways
as everyone else.

Mainstream first



Disabled people and tāngata
whaikaha can use the same
supports as everyone else,
before we use disability
supports.



Mana enhancing

Having respect for the things that disabled people and tāngata whaikaha can do.



Easy to use

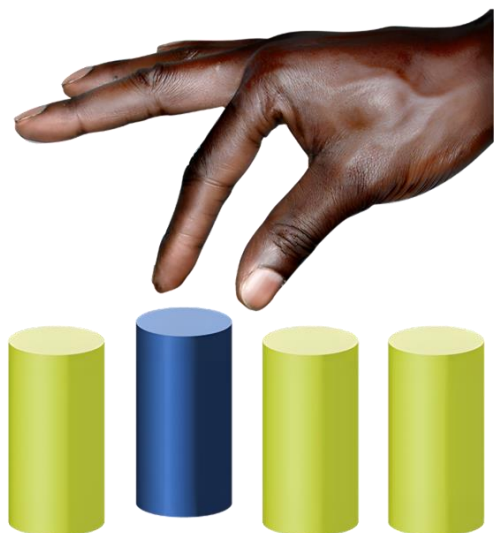
Disabled people and tāngata whaikaha have supports that are easy to use and can be changed.



Relationship building

Enabling Good Lives will support the connections between disabled people, tāngata whaikaha, our families or whānau, and everyone else.

What EGL has achieved



Choice and control

Disabled people, tangata
whaikaha, and our families and
whānau make our own choices
about the support we get.



We set our own goals, choose
our own paths, and manage our
own support money.

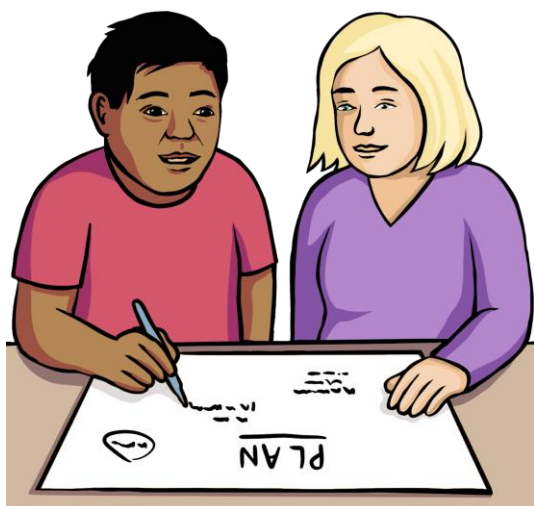


This gives us more control over
our lives.

Connection and wellbeing



Disabled people, tangata
whaikaha, and our families and
whānau builds relationships and
use community support.

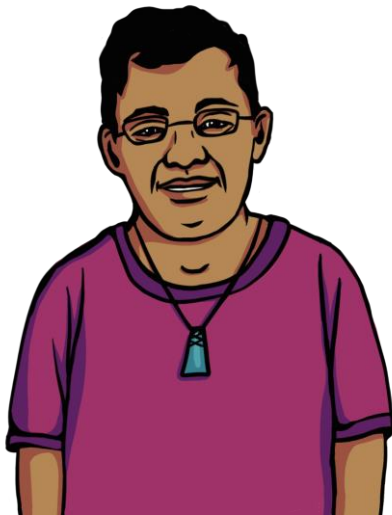


We plan our support and get
support from friends, family, and
groups in our community.

Education and employment



Disabled people, tangata
whaikaha, and our families and
whānau have more opportunities
for learning and working in the
same places as everyone else.

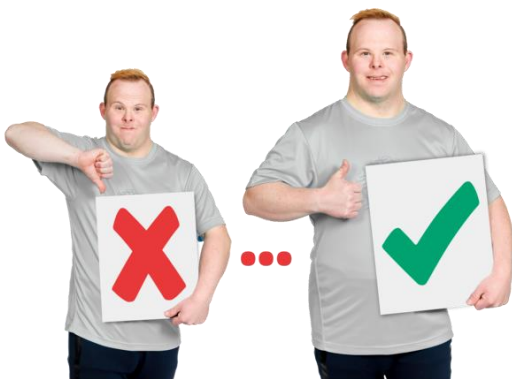


Making things more fair

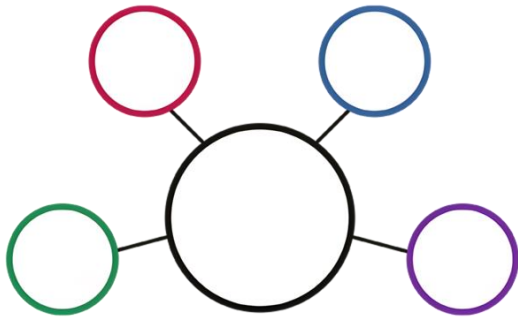
EGL is **co-designed** with tangata whaikaha and Pacific disabled people.



Co-design is about working together with the people who are affected by a decision, to agree on solutions together from the beginning.



This is helping more tangata whaikaha and Pacific disabled people get support, closing gaps from the past.



Person at the centre

EGL means getting more types of support in one place.



EGL makes it easier to get support and support money without confusing forms.

Why EGL is important

Human rights

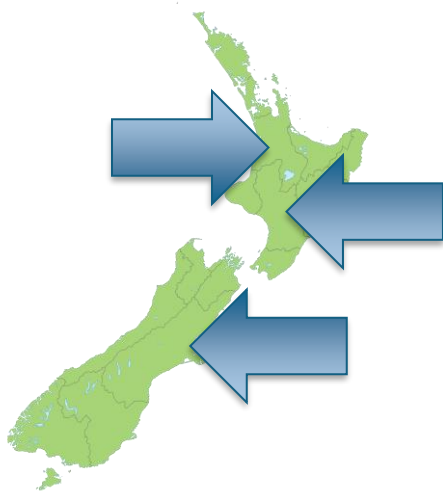


Enabling Good Lives is part of the work New Zealand is doing to make our rights in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities real.

Shifting power



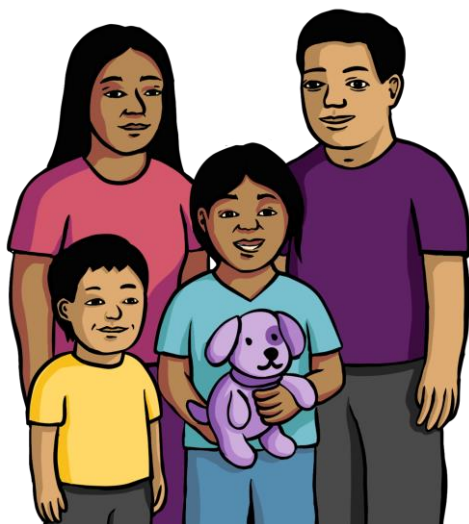
EGL means disabled people, tangata whaikaha, and our families and whānau co-design our supports around our strengths and goals.



Better lives

Doing EGL in Christchurch, Waikato, and MidCentral has shown that more choice and control means more:

- Decision making
- Relationships
- Quality of life
- Jobs and education.



Closing gaps for Māori

Māori use EGL **1 third** more than other ways of doing disability support.



1 third means 33 in every 100.
It means something is split
into 3 equal parts, and you
are talking about 1 part.



Making changes in the disability system and beyond

EGL changes the disability
system and shows a way forward
for health, education, and **social
services** in New Zealand.



Social services help people
meet their basic needs and
improve their wellbeing.

Speaking Up



Here are some things you can say when you speak up about the Draft Strategy



“I want disabled people, tangata whaikaha, our families and whānau to have more choice and control.”



“We are leaders with our own goals and strengths.”



“I want the EGL principles to be the principles of the New Zealand Disability Strategy.”



“I want the New Zealand Disability Strategy to use the same way of doing leadership as Enabling Good Lives.”



“People with lived experience are the most likely to make good decisions for ourselves and our communities.”

The information in this document comes from:

A call to disabled people, Tangata Whaikaha Māori, families, whānau and allies regarding the need to explicitly include EGL in the refreshed NZ Disability Strategy.



Nicolina Newcombe translated this information into Easy Read.

David Corner checked this information to make sure it is easy to read.

Beehive, Wellington, New Zealand.

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