

## Whakatere Āheinga ki Aotearoa

### Tūtohunga

- 1 E kimi ana i te:
  - 1.1 whakaaetanga ki te whakaatu i tētahi pou tarāwaho hou e kōkiri ana i ngā mahi tautuhi, ārai, turaki taupā e pā ana ki te kuhukuhu mō ngā tāngata whaikaha, tāngata whaikaha Māori me ētahi atu e matea āheinga ana;
  - 1.2 whakaaetanga ki te tuhituhi i ngā tohutohu mō ngā ture motuhake ki te tautoko i a Aotearoa hei whenua nui ake te āheinga me te whakatū i tētahi Mana Whakahaere Āheinga hou.

### He Whakarāpopototanga

- 3 He mea whakahirahira te āheinga ki te whare, waka whenua, mōhiohio, whakawhitiwhiti, hangarau, whare me ngā wāhi tūmatanui mō ngā tāngata whaikaha ki te kuhukuhu, ki te noho tau ki te ao. Ko te whakapai ake i ngā āheinga e tūhono ana ki te whakatutukinga o ngā mōtika tangata. Engari, ko ngā whakaritenga o nāianei ki te whakatika i ēnei taupā ka rangona e ngā tāngata whaikaha, he whatiwhati, he pōturi, he uaua ki te ine, ā, kāore anō kia māia ngā kaupapa here, te hoahoatanga pūnaha me ngā tukunga ratonga kia eke te āheinga ki roto i te pāpori.
- 4 Nō te Hakihea 2018, i whakaaetia e te Kāhui Minita kia tīmata ki te hoahoa i te huarahi e āheinga ai te katoa o Aotearoa, me te mahi tahi ki te hunga whaipānga [CAB-18-MIN-0591]. I te Hōngongoi 2019, i tau ki te Kāhui Minita taku pūrongo ā-waha, ā, i tautokohia e te hunga whaipānga ki tētahi ture hou [CAB-19-MIN-0329].
- 5 Nō te Pipiri 2020, i tau taku tono ki te Kāhui Minita [CAB-20-MIN-0295] ki te whakatere ake i te āheinga mā tētahi ture hou ka noho tahi ki te whakatairanga mōhiohio, mātauranga, whakangungu hoki, ā, i whakaae ahakoa te tauira ture hou nei me whakamārama i te āheinga hei huatau matua, kia kaua e āta whakamāramatia.
- 6 E tūtohi ana au ki te whakapai ake i ngā āheinga huri i a Aotearoa mā tētehi tauira hou, me mātua whai:
  - 6.1 kia uru atu ngā tāngata whaikaha mā te Mana Whakahaere Āheinga (kāore anō kia mana tēnei ingoa);
  - 6.2 kia tautoko ake i te hautūtanga Minita, i ngā taupā kuhukuhu i ngā tini kōpaki, kia pai ake ai te whakatau whakaaetanga;
  - 6.3 kia reretahi ake ai ngā take āheinga mā te hautūtanga mārama i roto i te ratonga tūmatanui.
- 7 kia tika te kōkiri i ngā mahi e tautuhi ai, e ārai ai, e whakakore ai ngā taupā kuhukuhu, me te āta pūrongo i a mātou me ngā kāwanatanga wā heke, e whai ana au kia whakaae mai kia whakaritea tēnei tauira ture hou motuhake ka whakauru hei te tau 2022.
- 8 Ko te kawenga hou nei ki te whakatere āheinga e hāngai ana ki ētahi atu o ā mātou whāinga i raro i te Rautaki Hauātanga o Aotearoa 2016-2022, ā, ka tautokohia a Aotearoa ki te

## Accelerating Accessibility in New Zealand

### Proposal

- 1 This paper seeks:
  - 1.1 agreement to introduce a new framework that takes a progressive approach to identifying, preventing, and removing barriers to participation for disabled people, tāngata whaikaha Māori and others with accessibility needs;
  - 1.2 approval to issue drafting instructions for stand-alone enabling legislation to support New Zealand to progressively become more accessible and introduce a new Accessibility Governance Board.

### Executive Summary

- 3 Improving access to housing, transport, information, communication, technology, public buildings and spaces is vitally important for disabled people to participate in and belong to the world. Improving accessibility is inextricably linked to achieve fundamental human rights. However, our current framework for addressing barriers that disabled people face has been fragmented, slow, hard to measure, and hasn't led to the credible policy, system design and service delivery needed to achieve an accessible society.
- 4 In December 2018, Cabinet agreed to commence the design of an approach to achieve a fully accessible New Zealand, in collaboration with key stakeholders [CAB-18-MIN-0591 refers]. In July 2019, Cabinet noted my oral report back, which indicated support from stakeholders for a legislative mechanism [CAB-19-MIN-0329 refers].
- 5 In June 2020, Cabinet [CAB-20-MIN-0295 refers] noted my intention to accelerate accessibility through a new legislative framework that would sit alongside awareness raising, education, and training and agreed that any new framework should set accessibility as a high-level concept rather than a detailed, prescriptive definition.
- 6 I propose to improve accessibility across New Zealand by introducing a new framework that:
  - 6.1 brings in disabled people through an Accessibility Governance Board (name yet to be confirmed);
  - 6.2 supports greater Ministerial leadership, particularly on cross-portfolio participation barriers, to improve the authorising environment;
  - 6.3 increases co-ordination on accessibility through clearer leadership within the public service.
- 7 To ensure that we are taking a progressive approach to identifying, preventing and removing participation barriers, and holding ourselves and future governments to account, I seek agreement to set out this framework in new stand-alone enabling legislation to be introduced in 2022.
- 8 A new approach to accelerating accessibility aligns with some of our key objectives under the New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016-2022 and supports New Zealand to meet its

whakatutuki i āna kawenga i raro i te Whakapuakitanga o te Rūnanga Whakakotahi i Ngā Iwi o te Ao mō Ngā Tika o Te Hunga Hauā (UNCRPD).

- 9 He whiriwhiringa hoahoa, whakatinanatanga hoki i roto i te tauira hou nei. I muri i te whakaaetanga o te Kāhui Minita, ka whakahautia ngā āpiha ki te whakahaere i te mahi tahi ki ngā hunga whaipānga maha. [kōrero muna]

## Ko ngā taunakitanga

E taunaki ana te Minita mō ngā Take Hauā ki te Komiti:

- 1 kia mōhio ko te whakahaerenga o nāiane ki te whakapai ake i te āheinga, kāore i whakarite kaupapa here māia, te hoahoa pūnaha me te tuku ratonga e matea ana ki te whakatutuki kia pāpori āheinga ai
- 2 kia mōhio me mātua whai i tētahi kawenga auaha, tau hoki mō ngā tāngata whaikaha kia āhei, kia haerea hoki ngā wāhi tūmatanui, ngā wāhi hanganga, ngā mea, ngā hua, mātauranga, hauora me ngā ratonga, tae noa ki te kuhukuhu pāpori
- 3 kia mōhio me mātua whakatū tētahi tauira āheinga hou e kōkiri kaha ana kia nui ake te āheinga kuhukuhu me ēnei:
  - 3.1 he hautūtanga māia, he haepapa hoki ki te tautuhi, ki te ārai, ki te whakakore i ngā taupā kuhukuhu
  - 3.2 he mārama ngā whāinga me ngā tikanga ōrite ki te tautuhi, ki te ārai, ki te whakakore i ngā taupā kuhukuhu
  - 3.3 he whakaū i ngā ture, pae me ngā whakahaere o nāiane me te waihanga i ētahi tikanga anō ki te hiahia, ki te whakapai ake i te āheinga mō ngā tāngata whaikaha
  - 3.4 he whakapūmau i ngā ātikara o Te Tiriti o Waitangi mō ngā tāngata whaikaha, tāngata whaikaha Māori, rangatahi me ngā tamariki whaikaha me ō rātou whāmere, whānau kia kitea, kia kuhungia i roto i ngā āhuatanga katoa
- 4 kia mōhio kua mahia kētia te waihanga i te ture hou nei me Access Alliance, he tōpūtanga o ngā rāngai whaikaha 12, Te Whakakotahitanga o ngā Rōpū Hunga Hauā (DPO), kaiwhakarato ratonga whaikaha, rōpū hapori whaikaha me ngā kaitautoko whaikaha
- 5 kia mōhio ka whakaatūria tēnei tauira hou i te mahi tahi o ngā tāngata whaikaha, e mōhio nei he Kaihautū ngā tāngata whaikaha, he mātanga mō te āheinga i runga i ō rātou ake wheako, ā, he kaitohutohu hoki ki te pūrongorongo i ngā mahinga o te pūnaha
- 6 kia mōhio i te Pipiri 2020, i whakaae te Kāhui Minita ki te tautoko i te kaupapa āheinga whakaterere mā tētahi tauira ture hou, e whakamārama ana i te āheinga hei huatau matua, (kaua e whakamārama i ngā taipitopito) mā te ārai me te whakakore i ngā taupā [CAB-20-MIN-0295]
- 7 kia whakaae kia uru atu ki roto i te ture:
  - 7.1 te pūtake me ngā mātāpono o te tauira āheinga

international commitments under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD).

- 9 There are detailed design and implementation choices within this framework. Following Cabinet's agreement, I will direct officials to undertake targeted engagement with a broad range of stakeholders. [content redacted]

## Recommendations

The Minister for Disability Issues recommends that the Committee:

- 1 **note** the current framework for improving accessibility has not provided the credible policy, system design, and service delivery needed to achieve an accessible society
- 2 **note** an innovative and effective approach for disabled people to independently access the public spaces, built environments, goods, products, education, health and services and fully participate in society is needed
- 3 **note** we need a new accessibility framework that takes a progressive approach to improving participation and ensures:
  - 3.1 strong leadership and accountability for identifying, preventing, and removing participation barriers
  - 3.2 clear objectives and consistent methodologies to identifying, preventing, and removing participation barriers
  - 3.3 current regulations, standards, and enforcement regimes are fit for purpose and new regulatory systems are developed where necessary for improving accessibility for disabled people
  - 3.4 the articles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi are upheld and disabled people and tāngata whaikaha Māori, disabled rangatahi and tamariki, and their family and whānau are visible and able to participate at all levels
- 4 **note** work to develop a new legislative framework has been done in partnership with the Access Alliance, a collective of 12 disability sector groups, Disabled People's Organisations (DPO), disability services providers, disability community organisations and disability advocates
- 5 **note** this framework will reflect a partnership with disabled people, recognising disabled people as leaders, as experts on accessibility from a lived experience perspective, and as advisors to hold the system to account
- 6 **note** in June 2020, Cabinet confirmed its intention to accelerate accessibility through a new legislative framework, that sets accessibility as a high-level concept (rather than a detailed, prescriptive definition) through the prevention and removal of barriers [CAB-20-MIN-0295]
- 7 **agree** the legislation will need to include:
  - 7.1 purpose and principles for the accessibility framework

- 7.2 te haepapa, te whāinga me ngā mahinga o te Poari, tae noa ki te tukanga ki te whakatūranga i ngā mema
  - 7.3 te haepapa me te mana o te Minita mō ngā Take Hauā, tae noa ki te tautoko me te whakahaere i ngā nekeneke Poari
  - 7.4 te haepapa me te mana o te Tumu Whakarae, tae noa ki te whakatairanga i ngā āheinga huri i te ratonga tūmatanui me te whakapai ake i te kounga o ngā raraunga āheinga
  - 7.5 ngā tikanga ki te whakatau i ngā taupā āheinga
  - 7.6 te mahi aroturuki, te arotake me ngā haepapa pūrongo, tae noa ki te whakawhitiwhiti mōhiohio
  - 7.7 te whakaarotau ki te mahi tahi, ki te whakarongo ki ngā tāngata whaikaha, tāngata whaikaha Māori i roto i ngā rōpū, hei tangata hoki
  - 7.8 he herenga kia arotakengia i te wā, ngā ture e whakapai ana e ahu whakamua ana mātou kia āheinga ai a Aotearoa
- 8 kia whakaae ki te whakaahua i te kaha, i te mārāma hoki o te hautūtanga mō ngā āheinga mā:
- 8.1 te whakatū i tētahi Mana Whakahaere Āheinga hou (kia pūmau te ingoa)
  - 8.2 te tautoko i te kaha hiahia o te Kāwanatanga ki ngā āheinga
  - 8.3 tētahi Tumu Whakarae o te rāngai tūmatanui e haepapa ana ki te tuitui, ki te whakahaere hoki i ngā mahinga āheinga huri i te ratonga tūmatanui
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- 11 Pōwhiritia te Minita mō ngā Take Hauā ki te tuhi tohutohu ki te Parliamentary Counsel Office
- 12 Whakaae mā te Minita mō ngā Take Hauā e whakaae atu ki ngā āhuatanga o te tauira nō roto i ngā kaupapa here i te wā e waihanga ana i te Pire
- 13 [kōrero muna]

- 7.2 role, purpose, and functions of the Board, including membership appointment processes
  - 7.3 role and powers of the Minister for Disability Issues, including supporting and providing oversight of the Board tabling
  - 7.4 role and powers of the Chief Executive, including raising the profile of accessibility across the public service and improving the quality of accessibility related data
  - 7.5 methodologies for addressing accessibility barriers
  - 7.6 monitoring, evaluation and reporting requirements, including possible information sharing provisions
  - 7.7 expectations for engaging with and listening to disabled people and tāngata whaikaha Māori as groups and individuals
  - 7.8 a requirement for periodic reviews of legislation to ensure we are making the desired progress towards an accessible New Zealand
- 8 **agree** to introduce strong, clear leadership for accessibility by:
- 8.1 establishing a new Accessibility Governance Board (name to be confirmed)
  - 8.2 supporting a stronger Government commitment to accessibility
  - 8.3 ensuring a public sector Chief Executive is responsible for co-ordinating and overseeing accessibility measures across the public service
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- 11 **Invite** the Minister for Disability Issues to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office
- 12 **Authorise** the Minister for Disability Issues to approve technical elements of the framework within the policy parameters during the development of the Bill
- 13 [content redacted]