

Appendix Six: statements from the Whānau Ora Interface Group and the National Enabling Good Lives Leadership Group

Whānau Ora and the interconnections with EGL, UNDRIP and UNCRPD

The Whānau Ora Interface Group encourages Cabinet to adopt the recommendations in the Paper because they signal a way forward that tāngata whaikaha Māori, tagata Pasefika with disability, and whānau have confidence in. Te Tiriti o Waitangi underpins all aspects of System Transformation including the Whānau Ora approach. Tāngata whaikaha Māori, tagata Pasefika with disability and whānau will thrive when Te Tiriti o Waitangi is realised, and we can exercise rangatiratanga to its fullest.

The Whānau Ora approach and Enabling Good Lives (EGL) are clearly aligned as shown in the Table below. The philosophies of Whānau Ora¹ and EGL² are compatible with each other, with a mutual emphasis on building whānau capacity, collective leadership, whānau planning and Kaitūhono.

Whānau Ora outcome goals	EGL principles	UNDRIP Standards	UNCRPD Articles
Whānau are self-managing	Self-determination	Self-determination 3, 4, 5	Self-direction Clauses N and O in the Preamble
Whānau are living healthy lifestyles	Beginning Early	Health 24	Health, Article 25 Habitation, Article 26
Whānau are participating fully in society	Person Centred	Equality 2	Awareness raising Article 8 Living independently and being involved in the community Article 19 General obligations – human rights and fundamental freedoms
Whānau are confidently participating in Te Ao Māori	Ordinary life outcomes	Indigeneity, culture; language 9, 11, 13	Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure, and sport Article 30
Whānau are economically secure and successfully involved in wealth creation	Mainstream first	Economic activities; special measures 20, 21	Work and employment Article 27 Adequate standard of living and social protection Article 28
Whānau are cohesive, resilient and nurturing	Mana enhancing	Life, liberty and security; dignity and diversity; specific groups 7, 15, 22	Article 17 Liberty of movement and nationality Article 18 Respect for home and family Article 23 Protecting the integrity of the person
Whānau are responsible stewards of their living and natural environment	Easy to use	Environment 25	Accessibility Article 9
	Relationship building		Living independently and being involved in the community Article 19

¹ <https://www.tpk.govt.nz/docs/tpk-wo-outcomesframework-aug2016.pdf>

² The EGL vision and principles are included in Appendix One.

The National Enabling Good Lives Leadership Group says:

This Cabinet Paper represents the culmination of almost three decades of dedicated effort within the disability community to see transformative change. There is widespread support for transformative change. Expectation is high.

We have been advocating for the establishment of a new Ministry since 1999 and we now agree that, as a transitional step, it should be a departmental agency hosted by MSD until it is big enough to be autonomous.

Disabled people and whānau are ready and able to partner with the Crown and Māori to create a new entity that will facilitate full citizenship.

Disabled people and whānau need investment in an independent voice mechanism to be credible partners, ensuring the diverse perspectives of the disability community are directly able to influence decision-making at all levels of the change process and to oversee the outcomes expected of the new Ministry.

Now is the time to implement a bold and comprehensive change process. We have had 9 years to showcase what it takes to create positive change for disabled people and whānau.

Nothing about us without us.