# A Strategy to Prevent Suicide in New Zealand

## Your feedback

Government agencies welcome your thoughts and feedback on this draft strategy which outlines the proposed direction to prevent suicide in New Zealand. Your feedback is vital to help agencies develop the final strategy to prevent suicide.

## How to provide feedback

You can provide feedback by:

* making a written submission using the form below (note: you can download this form at www.health.govt.nz/publication/strategy-prevent-suicide-new-zealand-draft-public-consultation or complete the form online)
* making a written submission in your preferred format
* attending a discussion about the draft strategy to prevent suicide in New Zealand.

You can email written submissions to [suicideprevention@moh.govt.nz](mailto:suicideprevention@moh.govt.nz) or mail a hard copy to:

Suicide Prevention Strategy Consultation

Ministry of Health

PO Box 5013

Wellington 6140.

If you are emailing your submission in PDF format, please also send us a version in Word format.

### Publishing submissions

We may publish all submissions, or a summary of submissions on the Ministry of Health’s website, unless you have asked us not to. If you are submitting as an individual, we will automatically remove your personal details and any identifiable information. You can also choose to have your personal details withheld if your submission is requested under the Official Information Act 1982.

### Closing date for submissions

The closing date for submissions and feedback on the draft strategy is **Monday 26 June 2017**.

### Information about the person/organisation providing feedback

You are encouraged to fill in this section. The information you provide will help government agencies analyse the feedback. However, your submission will be accepted if you do not fill in this section.

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## Consultation questions

The following questions regarding *‘A Strategy to Prevent Suicide in New Zealand: Draft for public consultation’* (the draft strategy) are designed to help you in writing your feedback on the draft strategy. You are welcome to include or cite supporting evidence in your submission.

We also welcome any other feedback on the draft strategy to prevent suicidal behaviour, or more generally any ideas on preventing suicidal behaviour in New Zealand.

### Pathways

1. The three proposed pathways are (see pages 9 in the draft strategy document):

* building wellbeing throughout a person’s life
* recognising and appropriately supporting people in distress
* relieving the impact of suicidal behaviour.

What do you think about these pathways? Do you have any comments or suggestions about these pathways?

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### Prioritising actions

2. The section on ‘Turning the shared vision into action’ describes 10 potential areas for action (see pages 10–12 in the draft strategy).

Do you think these are the right areas for action to prevent suicide (eg, are any areas missing; are the areas identified the most important areas)?

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3. Which areas for action do you think are the most important ones to focus on first?

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4. Which activities within these action areas do you think are the most important ones to focus on first?

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### Other views, comments or information

5. Do you have any other views, comments or information related to the draft strategy or preventing suicidal behaviour more generally?

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Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback.