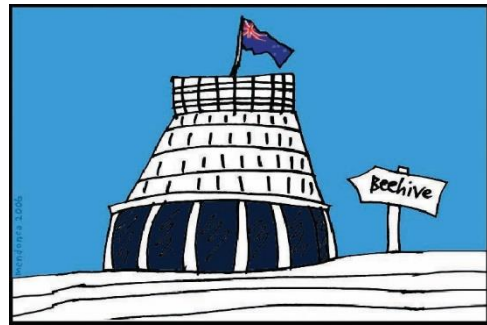


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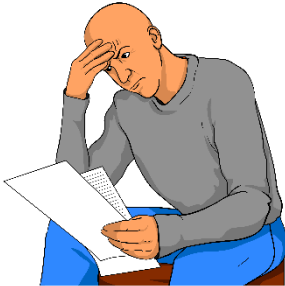
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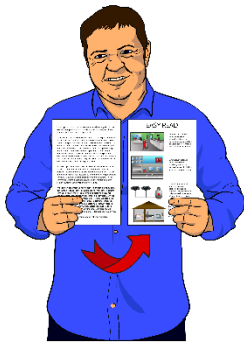
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## Before you start



This is a long document.



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- read it a few pages at a time
- have someone help you to understand it.

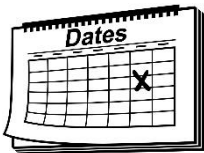
# What is a Cabinet paper?



The **Cabinet** of New Zealand is a group of ministers in New Zealand Parliament.



The Prime Minister is the chair or head of this group.



The **Cabinet** has a meeting each week.



Important things are talked about in these meetings.



Cabinet papers are given to **Cabinet** to read.

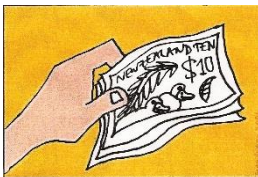
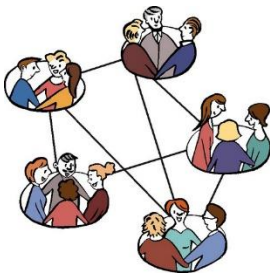


A Cabinet paper is a document that tells **Cabinet** about something important that needs to be done.



**Cabinet** talks about:

- what the new disability support system is
- how the new disability support system will work
- how much the new disability support system will cost.



# About the MidCentral District Health Board region



The new disability support system will start in the MidCentral DHB region.

MidCentral is in the North Island.



The MidCentral DHB region covers:

- Palmerston North
- Horowhenua



- Manawatu
- Ōtaki
- Tararua districts.



The MidCentral District Health Board region looks after health services in the MidCentral area.

The MidCentral District Health Board is sometimes called the MidCentral DHB.



**MIDCENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD**  
*Te Pae Hauora o Ruahine o Tararua*

The MidCentral DHB gets money from the Government to:



- keep good health services going for people in the region



- make health services better for people living in the region.

# About the new disability support system



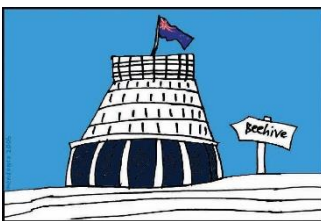
New Zealand needs a new disability support system.



It will start in the MidCentral DHB region.



The Government will spend nearly **\$24 million dollars** (\$23.84 million) over the next 2 years.



The Government will use this to make this new disability support system happen.



The new disability support system will help to make the lives of disabled people and their whānau better.



Lots of people in the disability community have helped to plan the new disability support system.



These include:

- disabled people
- whānau
- people in the disability sector.



**Enabling Good Lives**

The disability support system is based on the goals of Enabling Good Lives.



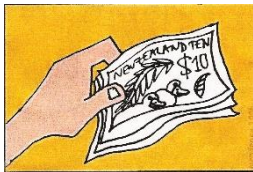
The main goals of the disability support system are to:



- support disabled people to have more control over their lives and supports



- make it easy for disabled people to get better disability support



- not waste Government money.



The new disability support system will start on **1 October 2018**.



The supports disabled people and their whānau in MidCentral get now **will stay the same** until they:



- meet a Connector

or



- have their annual review.



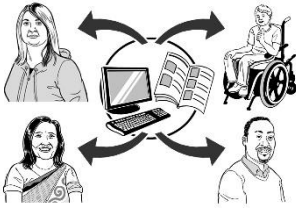
These are the most important things about the disability support system:



## 1. People will be welcomed into the system

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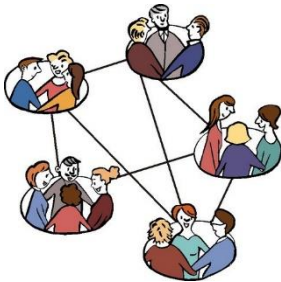
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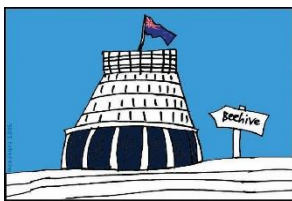
- given information about disability support



- linked with a Connector – a person who knows a lot about the disability support system



- linked with other people who are using the disability support system



- linked with the right government agency or disability organisation.



## 2. Access to Connectors

A Connector is a person who knows a lot about disability and the disability support system.



A Connector can help disabled people and their whānau find out:

- about the disability support system
- how to use the disability support system.





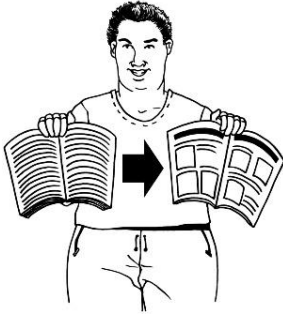
A Connector will find out what a disabled person:



- wants to have a better life
- needs to have a better life.



The Connector will look at how the new system can make people's lives better.



### 3. Easy to use information and processes



The disability support system will make information easy to understand.



The disability support system **processes** will be easy to follow.

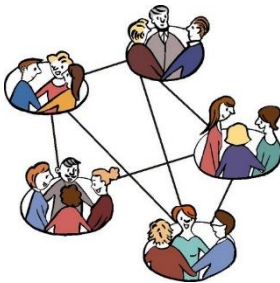
**Processes** are the steps needed to get something done.



#### 4. Connected support across government



There will be a Government Liaison person working in the disability support system.



This person will help Connectors and disabled people link up to the right government agencies.



This will help to make sure that disabled people and their whānau get the support they need.



A Government Liaison person will support disabled people:

- by helping them get government services



**For example** like asking for the right forms to get a benefit



- to make good relationships with other parts of government that can help them.



This includes getting to know about things like learning support services in schools.



## 5. A direct process for getting funding

The disability support system will make it easy to ask for the right kind of **funding**.



**Funding** means getting money to do something.



There will be more than one way to buy:

- services
- other things to support disabled people to have better lives.

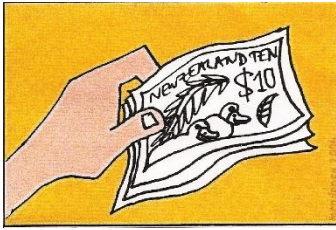




There will also be different ways to make a report about how funding has been used, like:



- write a report
- make a video
- answer some questions.



## 6. Capability funding

**Capability** means that someone or something is able to do something.



Capability funding is money that disabled people and their families can get to help make their lives better.



The Regional Governance Group will decide who can get this funding.



## 7. Being more accountable to disabled people and their whānau

Being **accountable** means being responsible for something.



Disabled people and their whānau will be able to look at how the disability support system is working.

If they think things can be done better they can tell us:



- what is working well
- what is not working
- what changes need to be made.



# When will the new disability support system start?



Disabled people and their whānau who live in the MidCentral DHB region will be part of the new disability support system on **1 October 2018**.



All services in the region will stay the same as they are on **30 September 2018**.



Things will change when disabled people and their whānau:

- contact the new team to talk about what will happen

or



- contact a Connector to talk about what will happen.

# The disability support system teams



2 teams will work in the MidCentral DHB region to get the new system started.



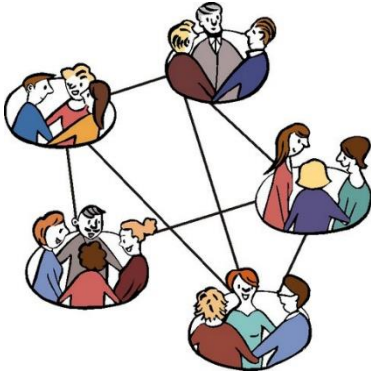
## Team 1 – Disabled People and Whānau Supporting Team

The Disabled People and Whānau Supporting Team is a new team.



It is made up of:

- Connectors



- **Network Builders.**

**Network Builders** will help to make links between disabled people and other groups of people and organisations.

They will be a part of the Ministry of Health.



## Team 2 – System Enabling Team

**Enable** means to make something happen.

The System Enabling Team is made up of:



- experts in information about disability support and information



- Government Liaison people



- funding people



- people doing administration or office work.



This new team will have:

- staff who already work at Enable
- new staff who have not worked at Enable before.



This team will do its work through **Enable** until the future of the organisation is worked out.

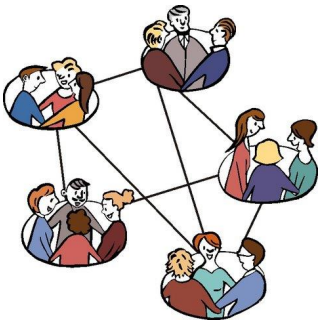


**Enable** is the current Needs Assessment and Service Co-ordination service provider in MidCentral.

# Governance – the way the new disability support system will be run



**Governance** means the group or groups that run or control something like an organisation or a system.



There will be a few groups that will run the new disability support system.



These groups will make sure that voices in the disability community will be heard.

These groups will include:



- **Governance groups**

Governance groups will help run the new system.



- **Advisory groups**

These groups will give advice about how to make the new disability support system work better.

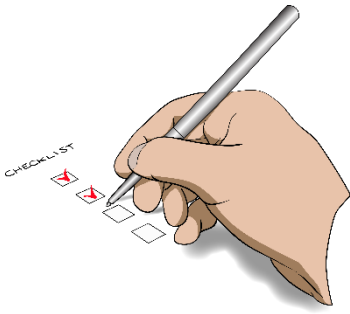


There will also be a small group inside the MidCentral Regional Leadership Group.



This group will tell the Ministry of Health about what is happening about the disability support system.





There will also be **Terms of Reference** for the Governance Group.

**Terms of reference** says how a project works and what it will do.



The Minister for Disability Issues and the Associate Minister of Health will have to say yes to the **terms of reference**.

# Monitoring and evaluation

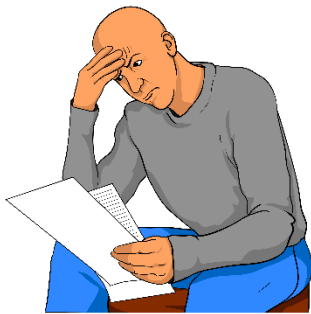
The new disability support system will be:



- **monitored**

This means the new disability support system will be watched to make sure it is working properly

and



- **evaluated.**

This means to watch something to see:

- if it is working
- if it is working in the way it should be.



Disabled people will be able to say how the new disability support system is working.

Disabled people will say:



- if disabled people's and their whānau lives are being made better because of the new system



- what needs to be changed

- what needs to be made bigger and better



- ways to make something bigger and better.

## Funding the new system



A lot of money is needed to make the new disability support system.



It will need about **24 million dollars** over 2 years.



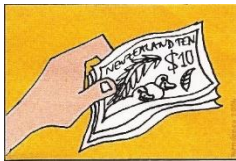
The new disability support system will start in the MidCentral DHB region.

Enabling Good Lives

Enabling Good Lives demonstrations will keep running in Christchurch and Waikato.



Most of the money will be used to make more support for disabled people and their whānau.



The funding will be used to give:

### 1. Extra direct support



This means that the money will be given to disabled people and their whānau to:



- get support as soon as they are needed – early intervention



- make it easier to use specialist services to support disabled people.



## 2. Extra indirect support

This is extra support.

Disabled people can access this extra support through their Connector.

This extra support will:



- focus on building the skills of disabled people



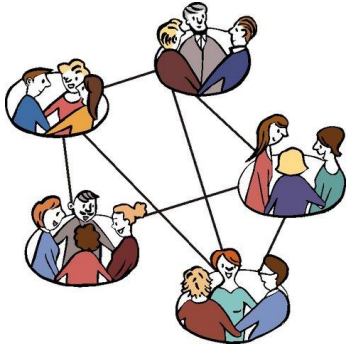
- support people working for disabled people and their whānau



- fund Enabling Good Lives around New Zealand.



Doing these things will support disabled people to have good lives.



### 3. Infrastructure

**Infrastructure** means the main parts something is made up of.

As well as the team of Connectors and a network builder, the other main parts of the new disability support system are:



- **Back Office Team**

The team that looks after the day to day running of the system called the System Enabling Team.

- **Regional Governance.**

The team of people looking at how the system is running in 1 region.



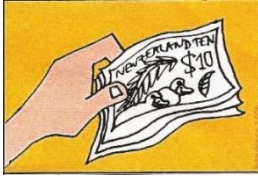
The MidCentral DHB is the first region to use the new disability support system.



- **National Governance**

The team of people looking at how the system is working around the country.





## 4. One off costs

A **one off cost** means you only need to buy something once.

One off costs for the disability support system include:



- paying the team that is designing and making the new system



- an IT (information technology) system to be used while the new system is being started



- monitoring the new system to make sure the new system is working



- evaluating the new system to make sure it is doing the job it should be doing.



## 5. Funding to keep Enabling Good Lives running in Christchurch and Waikato

Enabling Good Lives

Money is needed to make sure that Enabling Good Lives can be run in:

- Christchurch
- Waikato.

## How the money might be spent



It is going to cost a lot of money to change from the old system to the new disability support system.



The table on the next page tells you what we think it will cost to change to the new system.

**Table:****What the money will be spent on**

<b>What the money will be spent on</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>Total</b>
Extra direct support	\$2.939 million dollars	\$3.546 million dollars	\$6.485 million dollars
Extra indirect support	\$3.118 million dollars	\$3.055 million dollars	\$6.173 million dollars
Infrastructure	\$1.329 million dollars	\$0.576 million dollars	\$1.905 million dollars
One off costs	\$3.907 million dollars	\$2.772 million dollars	\$6.679 million dollars
Keeping Enabling Good Lives running in Waikato and Christchurch	\$1.300 million dollars	\$1.300 million dollars	\$2.600 million dollars
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12.593 million dollars</b>	<b>\$11.249 million dollars</b>	<b>\$23.842 million dollars</b>

# What will happen when the new disability support system starts?



We will **try, learn and adjust** when we start the new disability support system.

This means that we will:



## **Try**

Try it out to see if it is working.



## **Learn**

Learn about what is working and what is not working.



## **Adjust**

Make changes if we think changes are needed to make the system better.



It is important disabled people and their whānau say what they think about the new disability support system.



We want to hear from disabled people and their whānau before it is started in other regions in the country.

There will be chances for disabled people and their whānau to tell us about:



- what they think about the new system
- what is working well
- what needs to be changed.





At the **end of 2020** a decision will be made about how the new disability system will work in other regions.



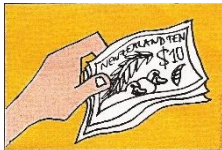
When this decision is made the new disability support system will start in other parts in New Zealand.



## What will happen in the future?



More funding will be needed so that the new disability support system can be in every region in New Zealand.



A lot more money will be needed to make this happen.



We think it will cost from about **140 to 160 million dollars** a year to run the disability support system in New Zealand.

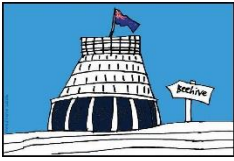


This cost will change because we do not know what the final disability support system will look like.

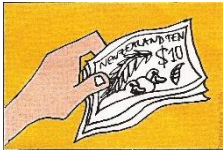


Designing and making a new disability support system is a lot of work.

Work is starting around:



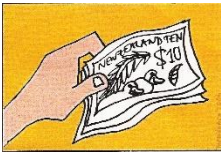
- disability support funding from the Government



- how tax is worked out for disabled people and their whānau



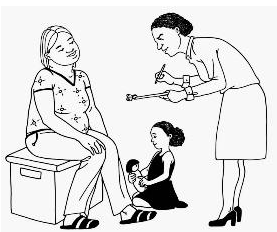
- making ways to protect the things that are working



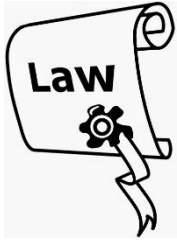
- how Goods and Services Tax (GST) will work



- finding out who can use the new system



- making ways to be able to use the new system



- making changes to laws and making new laws

- work on **means testing**.



### Means testing is:

- finding out how much money a person has
- deciding if someone can get something like a benefit.

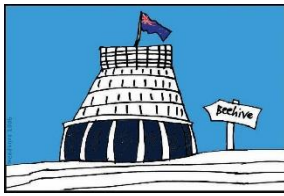


**For example** if a person has too much money they might not be able to get something like a benefit.

# Machinery of government review



This Cabinet paper also tells how decisions will be made about the future of the way the new system will work.



This is called a **Machinery of government review**.



People from the disability sector and in the Government will start to think about what will happen in the future.



They will make their decisions about the future of the new disability support system by the **end of 2020**.



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