



## Proactive Release

### Submissions on the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy

August 2019

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## Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy – Submission Template

This document is intended for individuals or groups who wish to make a formal submission on the child and youth wellbeing strategy.

Please complete this template and email it to: [childandyouthwellbeing@dpmc.govt.nz](mailto:childandyouthwellbeing@dpmc.govt.nz)

A guide to making a submission is available on the DPMC website <https://dpmc.govt.nz/our-programmes/child-and-youth-wellbeing-strategy>

Submissions will close on **Wednesday 5 December**.

**Please provide details for a contact person in case we have some follow up questions.**

<b>Contact Name:</b>	9(2)□(a)
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Organisation Name:</b>	[Please include if you are submitting on behalf of an organisation]
<b>Organisation description:</b> (tell us about your organisation – i.e. who do you represent? How many members do you have? Are you a local or national organisation?)	
<b>Executive Summary:</b> (Please provide a short summary of the key points of your Submission - 200 words)	<p>Our concern and submission is around digital health. That is, the risk posed to the wellbeing of our children by the use of digital technology within our education system, especially “bring your own device” (BYOD) policies used within many schools and at an increasingly younger age.</p> <p>There are numerous studies now, with more emerging at an alarming rate, about the danger of RF Radiation from WIFI to young bodies, the well-documented risk of addiction to gaming and the increasing depression and suicide rate among teens which is contributed to by social media.</p> <p>Some countries, such as France, have banned the use of smart devices in schools for children aged 3-15, the Education Minister stating it is a fundamental role of education to protect children.</p> <p>Well known tech entrepreneurs are sending their children to low-</p>

	<p>Waldorf and Steiner Schools to protect and encourage creativity.</p> <p>Below are links that outline some of the concerns.</p> <p>Our submission requests that the Ministry thoroughly investigates the dangers of BYOD in schools and provides policy and guidelines to protect our children.</p> <p><a href="https://edition.cnn.com/2018/07/31/europe/france-smartphones-school-ban-intl/index.html">https://edition.cnn.com/2018/07/31/europe/france-smartphones-school-ban-intl/index.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://educationcentral.co.nz/technology-and-our-tamariki-are-we-getting-it-right/">https://educationcentral.co.nz/technology-and-our-tamariki-are-we-getting-it-right/</a></p> <p><a href="https://ehtrust.org/key-issues/cell-phoneswireless/wifi-in-schools/">https://ehtrust.org/key-issues/cell-phoneswireless/wifi-in-schools/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.familyfirst.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/WE-NEED-TO-TALK-Screentime-Full-Report-Low-Res.pdf">https://www.familyfirst.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/WE-NEED-TO-TALK-Screentime-Full-Report-Low-Res.pdf</a></p>
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