



## Proactive Release

### Submissions on the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy

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The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has released the following submission received during its public consultation on the child and youth wellbeing strategy.

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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?)	9(2)(a)
<b>Executive Summary:</b> (Please provide a short summary of the key points of your Submission - 200 words)	Concern about children coming to school hungry, and the inability to find long term solutions for these children, who as they are not in a low decile school, are not able to access any of the 'food supports' available.

## Submission Content

I am concerned that many children who live in deprivation and poverty are unable to access support like KidsCan due to the fact that they are not in a decile 1 school.

The school I am involved with is decile 5 and has almost 500 students, of these 500 students we have identified over 60 who would benefit from food support and even from clothing support.

Many of the children in our school, come from very low income families, and often will come to school without breakfast (although they can get cereal at Breakfast club) and little or no lunch. Some of them will have had very little to eat the night before also.

Obviously this impacts both behaviour and learning, particularly if there are many children in the classroom in the same position.

My concern is for ongoing long term strategies to address this issue. In Christchurch we have 'pepperpotting' of social housing, meaning that there can be a combination of quite 'well off' families, and very poor families. I have tried several avenues to try to get lunches for our kids, but as we are a mid to high decile school no-one is able to support us in this way.

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