



## 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.**

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<b>Organisation Name:</b>	Invercargill City Council
<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?)	Local Authority. Population: 54,800 (July 2017) Council's Vision Is: "To enhance our City and preserve its character, while embracing innovation and change"  The Invercargill City Council has a Child Youth and Family Friendly SubCommittee which oversees the Child Youth and Family Friendly Policy. The policy aims to place a "friendly" lens over all of Council's work. The Council also has the friendly brand which allows events, activities, services, programmes and businesses to be branded friendly.
<b>Executive Summary:</b> (Please provide a short summary of the key points of your Submission - 200 words)	A vision for the wellbeing of children and young people is admirable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The influencers and enablers are key to achieving outcomes.</li> <li>• Any strategy targeting the wellbeing of young people must use youth development principles.</li> <li>• Resourcing will be needed to ensure healthy food is available, and play and physical activity can be easily enjoyed.</li> </ul>

## Submission Content

### **The Proposed Outcomes Framework:**

The five wellbeing domains are portrayed as five separate aspects when in fact they are all required to achieve the wellbeing of children and young people. New Zealand is the best place in the world for children when young people are loved, nurtured and safe; have what they need; belong, contribute and are valued; are happy and healthy, and are learning and developing. They must all be applied for the wellbeing of children and young people.

The enablers, role models, mentors, teachers, etc. must all be involved as they are the influencers.

The 16 focus areas are all valid but should not be numbered as this gives the idea of a priority or order of working.

It is important to make it easier to eat healthy food and to undertake physical activity (e.g. to walk or bike rather than ride).

The importance of play involving physical activity should be included. To play is to have fun and to learn through creating activity.

There is a need to restrict access to advertising which targets young people. The messaging they can receive through accessing the media is often from international sources.

Government should place a health lens over everything they do, including legislation and policy development. Parents are responsible for their children, and Council, Government and services supporting parents should be enabling parents to parent correctly.

Councils have a role when development is occurring. Does the planning involve a family lens? Do people need a car to access everyday things? Are green areas stimulating for different generations? Do facilities provide areas to play?

We look forward to working with our community as together Invercargill and New Zealand become the best place in the world for children.

Please note that your submission will become official information. This means that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet may be required to release all or part of the information contained in your submission in response to a request under the Official Information Act 1982.

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