



## 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 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?)	Paralympics New Zealand (PNZ) is the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) for New Zealand. We are a charity and our overall vision is 'Excellence & Equity through Sport'. As a member of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), we are part of a worldwide social change movement, which uses the power of sport to positively influence community perceptions of disabled people and to promote a more diverse and inclusive society. To do this, we support and celebrate the achievements of Para athletes at international and national competitions all year round. Every two years, we lead New Zealand teams to the Paralympic Games. We also work in the local community to advocate for sport to become more accessible for disabled people and to support the creation of more systems and programmes to enable participation in Para sport.

**Executive Summary:**

(Please provide a short summary of the key points of your Submission - 200 words)

One in ten (10%) young people (Stats NZ, 2013), children and youth are most vulnerable to exclusion within a disabling society; whether that be within their Whanau, School, Community or Sport. It is critical that this strategy is fully inclusive and acknowledges these individuals.

By acknowledging the additional barriers and challenges that disabled children and young people face within the proposed framework, it will ensure that we hold ourselves as a nation accountable to ensure we provide better support and resources enabling better outcomes not only for disabled children and young people but for those whose care they are under. This is vital to ensure that society enables disabled children and young people to express their creativity, talents and personality empowering them to excel, whatever their chosen field maybe.

## Submission Content

### Wellbeing Domains

- Are loved, nurtured & safe

Comment: Equality is a cornerstone to ensuring that disabled children and youth have the platform they need to feel engaged, safe and nurtured.

- Have what they need

Comment: The opportunity to engage fully in an active and healthy lifestyle. This means access to the equipment required to participate such as artificial limbs and adaptive equipment.

Comment: The availability of knowledgeable and supportive networks, including education, sport and physical recreation.

- Belong, contribute & are valued

Comment: Awareness of disability, the removal of barriers that block disabled children and youth from being actively engaged in society and social groups. Ensuring an equitable and accessible New Zealand, for all New Zealanders.

- Are happy & healthy

Comment: All children and youth have the opportunity to share experiences, such as competition, success and failure. All children can express who they are and are able to socialise and play with peers in a safe, quality environment.

- Are learning & developing

Comment: Skill development and social bonds through access to ability and stage appropriate environments that encourage the development of social cohesion and inclusion.

### Seven Principles

Underpinning value is that it is vital that all children are included, and those rights are inclusive of those who need additional support to be included in whanau, communities and wider society.

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.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet may withhold all or parts of your submission if it is necessary to protect your privacy or if it has been supplied subject to an obligation of confidence.

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