



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

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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Organisation description: (tell us about your organisation – i.e. who do you represent? How many members do you have? Are you a local or national organisation?)	<p>Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) is a not-for-profit, member-based organisation that reaches into all rural communities and has an authoritative voice on rural environment, health, education, technology, business and social issues.</p> <p>RWNZ strives to ensure that all rural residents, workers and families have equitable access to services, inequalities are addressed by Government, and the wellbeing of rural communities is considered from the beginning of all policy and legislative development.</p> <p>RWNZ is affiliated to the Associated Country Women of the World and as such upholds all United Nations, ILO and WHO conventions and outcome statements as they relate to women and rural women in particular.</p>
Executive Summary: (Please provide a short summary of the key points of your Submission - 200 words)	<p>Rural children and youth face inequality in the provision of essential services, particularly health, education and technology compared with their urban counterparts.</p> <p>Rural children and youth, particularly girls, face different challenges to their well-being than their urban counterparts, due to such determinants as distance, lack of access to technology and the impacts of adverse events when they occur.</p> <p>RWNZ requests that both a rural impact and gender impact analysis be carried out on the strategy before it is approved by Government so that the needs of rural communities and the intersectionality of rural living and gender and age are considered fully.</p> <p>Other points to note in regard to Rural Children and Youth as compared with their urban counterparts</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to and availability of extracurricular activities is limited by distance • Independence is often limited due to the dependency on adults for transportation – ie no bus or train services from rural home to social, educational, or sporting activities • Services to support children and youth in poverty are less accessible for children and youth who live in rural areas (due to geographic location) • Isolation and loneliness can impact rural children and youth especially those who live on isolated farms • Career development and opportunities for work are more limited for rural youth, due to geographic location • Where access to internet services are limited for rural children and youth (due to lack of infrastructure) they are disadvantaged by lack of accessibility to online services, education, research, entertainment, and social connection
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Submission Content

As in the Executive Summary.

RWNZ welcomes the opportunity to discuss this further with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

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