

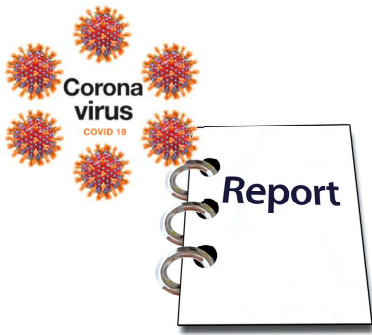
Independent Monitoring Mechanism

– Designated under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Invitation – How well did New Zealand do during its response to COVID-19?



The **Independent Monitoring Mechanism** looks at what the Government is doing to make sure disabled people are getting their rights in New Zealand.



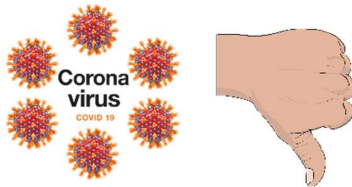
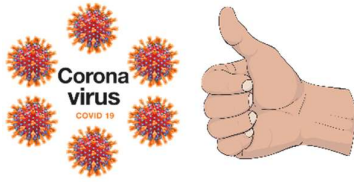
The Independent Monitoring Mechanism is writing a report about the experiences of disabled people during the COVID-19 emergency.



We want to talk to:

- disabled people
- their family / whānau
- people working in the disability sector.





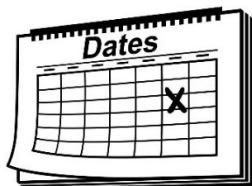
We want to find out about:

- the things government agencies did do well
- the things government agencies did not do well
- what you think can be done to make things better
- other things you may want to tell us about your experiences during the COVID-19 emergency.



Meeting information

There will be meetings held in many places in New Zealand.



Please **RSVP** by email to let us know if you are coming to a meeting.

Email:

IMMRSPV@ombudsman.parliament.nz



You can share this invitation with your:

- family / whānau
- friends.



Everyone is welcome.



Auckland

When: 19 August from 11.30am to 2pm

Where: YES Disability Board Room

Lion Foundation House

3 William Laurie Place

Albany

RSVP by: 10 August



Auckland Central / South

When: 2 September from 11.30 am to 2pm

Where: CCS Disability Action

Totara Conference Room

14 Erson Avenue

Royal Oak

RSVP by: 21 August



Whanganui

When: 31 August from 1pm to 3pm

Where: The Quaker Settlement

The Quiet Room Conference Room

76 Virginia Road

Otamatea

RSVP by: 21 August



Palmerston North

When: 1 September 11.30am – 2pm

Where: BKs Premier Motel
Conference Centre Ground Floor
102 Cuba Street

RSVP by: 21 August



Wellington:

When: 12 August from 4pm to 6 pm

Where: Blind Citizens New Zealand
Conference Room
113 Adelaide Road
Mount Cook.

RSVP by: 7 August



Christchurch

When: 25 August from 3pm to 5pm

Where: Woolston Centre
502 Ferry Road
Woolston

RSVP by: 17 August



Dunedin

When: 26 August from 11.30 am – 2pm

Where: Dunedin Community House

Pam Warren Room

(first floor via lift access)

301 Moray Place

Dunedin Central

RSVP by: 17 August



Invercargill

When: 24 August from 3pm to 5pm

Where: Ascot Park Hotel

Mararoa Room

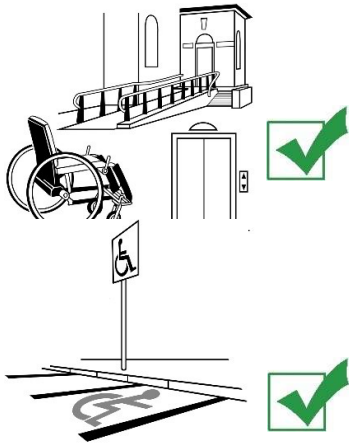
Corner of Tay Street and

Racecourse Road

Invercargill.

RSVP by: 17 August

More information about the meetings



Accessibility

The meeting place:

- is wheelchair accessible
- has accessible car parks available.



Please let us know:

- if you need a **New Zealand Sign Language** so we can book an interpreter
- about any other access needs you may have
- if there is anything else you think we need to know to support you to come to our meeting.



Diet needs



Light snacks will be served.

Please let us know if you have any dietary needs.

For example, please tell us if you:



- are gluten free
- are vegetarian
- have any allergies to food.



When you email your RSVP please let us know about any accessibility or dietary needs you may have.

The email address is:

IMMRSPV@ombudsman.parliament.nz

What happens if you cannot come to our meetings?

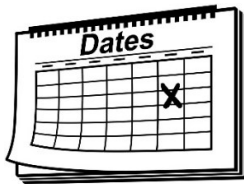


We would still like to hear about your COVID-19 experiences even if you cannot come to our meetings.



You can join an **online Zoom meeting** which will be on:

4 September from 11.30 to 2pm.



RSVP: let us know by the **21 August** of you want to be a part of the Zoom meeting.



We will then send you the Zoom link to your email address.



New Zealand Sign Language interpreters
will be booked if they are needed.



Please **email** the Disability Rights Team to
tell us if you need an interpreter:

IMMRSPV@ombudsman.parliament.nz



Even if you cannot make our meetings you can call to talk to us about your experiences of COVID-19.



You can do this:

- by **emailing** us at:

IMMRSVP@ombudsman.parliament.nz



- calling the Disability Rights team at Office of the Ombudsman on:

Phone: 0800 802 602

More information about the Independent Monitoring Mechanism



The Independent Monitoring Mechanism looks at how the New Zealand Government is following what the United Nations Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Disability Convention) says.



The Independent Monitoring Mechanism is called the **IMM** for short.

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The IMM is made up of the:

- Disabled People's Organisations' Coalition
- Office of the Ombudsman
- Human Rights Commission.

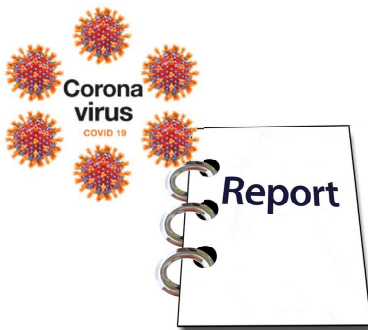


The Disability Convention says what the New Zealand Government should be doing to make sure disabled people:

- have the same rights as everybody else
- can live a good life.



The IMM is holding public meetings around the country to talk about these things.



These meetings will help us to write a report about disabled people's experiences during the COVID-19 emergency.



The main goal of this COVID-19 report is to make sure things will be better for disabled New Zealanders if an emergency like this happens again in the future.