

Terms of Reference of the Independent Monitoring Mechanism



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What is this book about?



This book has been written for the
Independent Monitoring Mechanism.

It is called the **IMM** for short.



We tell you more about the IMM on
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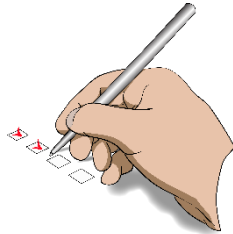
This book is about the **terms of reference**
for the IMM.



We tell you what **terms of reference** are
on the **next page.**



A **Terms of Reference** is like a set of rules that the IMM need to follow.



The IMM Terms of Reference:



- says what organisations should belong to the IMM
- sets goals for the IMM
- tells the IMM how it should work to reach its goals.
- tells the IMM the type of work it has to do
- tells the IMM the people and organisations it should work with.



The IMM Terms of Reference also:

- tells the IMM about the things it **can** do
- tells the IMM about things it **can not** do.



This book is the Easy Read version of the IMM Terms of Reference.



You can read the full IMM Terms of Reference on this website:

<https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/what-ombudsman-can-help/fair-treatment-disabled-people>

What is the Independent Monitoring Mechanism?



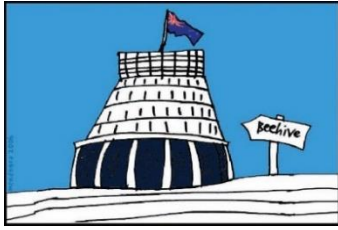
The **Independent Monitoring Mechanism** is a group that looks at what the Government is doing to follow the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**.



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



The **Disability Convention** is the short name for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



The **Disability Convention** is an agreement that the New Zealand Government has signed.



The **Disability Convention** says what the Government should do to make sure disabled people:

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



The Disability Convention has been signed by nearly every country in the world.



The Disability Convention was made because some disabled people do not get their **rights**.

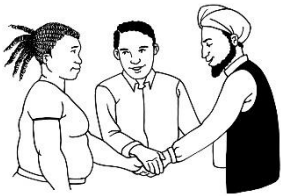


Rights are things that you should get to live a good life.

Some rights that everyone has are things like:

- housing
- being kept safe
- having enough food to eat.

The IMM makes sure the Government is doing a good job for disabled people in New Zealand.



The **IMM** is made up of 3 partners.



The 3 partners are the:



- Human Rights Commission
- Disabled People's Organisations Coalition



- Office of the Ombudsman.



The IMM tells the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities how well the Government is doing at following the Disability Convention in New Zealand.



We tell you more about the IMM partner organisations on **page 23** of this book.

The history of the IMM



Article 33 of the Disability Convention says that the Government must make a group to look at how well the Disability Convention is being followed in New Zealand.



In 2010 the Minister for Disability Issues wrote a paper to explain what the IMM should do.



The paper said that the IMM should

- support the Disability Convention
- protect the rights of disabled people in New Zealand
- check if the Government is making the Disability Convention happen.





In 2011 the Minister for Disability Issues decided which 3 organisations should work together as the IMM.

What does the IMM do?

The IMM:



- decides what the most important things are for disabled people



- checks the laws that affect disabled people are working for disabled people



- talks to people about how to measure if things are getting better for disabled people

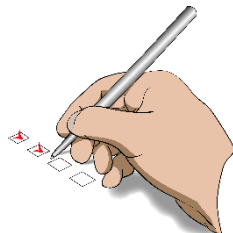


- talks to the government to see that they are doing what the IMM has asked it to do in the reports



- includes the groups of disabled people who are often missed out.

What are the main goals of the IMM?



The main goals of the IMM include:

- making sure the IMM is a group New Zealanders can trust
- making sure that the 3 IMM partners have enough money to do the work they need to do to support disabled people
- finishing the monitoring work that they start
- making sure the government is doing what the Disability Convention says it should do.



Some more goals of the IMM are:

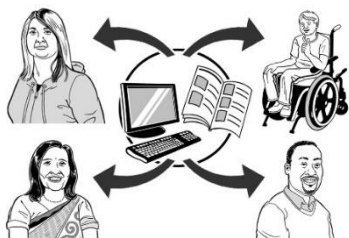
- checking that the government is doing the things the IMM asks it to do to make sure that disabled New Zealanders are getting their rights
- checking to make sure that things are getting better for disabled people
- making sure that the government thinks about disabled people when making plans and laws
- talking to and listening to disabled people when making decisions about disabled people



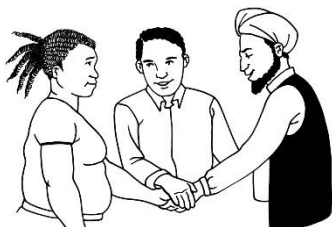


Some more goals of the IMM are:

- respecting the Treaty of Waitangi
- talking to all the groups that are interested in disabled people's rights
- making sure information is shared with all the IMM partners.



How will the IMM work together?

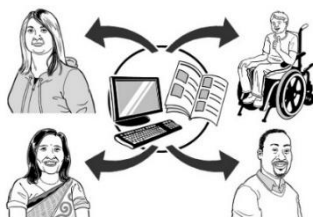


The IMM will work together to make rights real for disabled people in New Zealand.



The IMM will:

- work together as 1 group
- have meetings
- all agree when making a decision
- make a 4 to 5 year work plan
- support the work of the other IMM partners
- share information between the IMM partners.





The IMM will also:

- write reports about disabled people's rights in New Zealand
- talk to the government about the things in the reports that they have been asked to do
- meet with government groups to talk about what the IMM is doing
- work with the government to make sure all the 3 partners have enough money to do their IMM work
- talk to other organisations about disability issues
- show how the IMM is including the Treaty of Waitangi in its work.



The IMM will also:



- work with other disabled people's organisations



- report to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities when it needs to.



IMM partners will:

- get the information they need to do their job properly



- be given enough time to make decisions



- expect that IMM information will be sent out to other people has been agreed by all the IMM partners.

IMM partners also be:

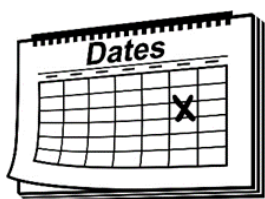


- told of any problems that they need to know about
- honest with each other.

The IMM meetings



The IMM Governance Group is made up of the people that lead the IMM.



The IMM Governance Group will meet 4 times each year.



The Governance Group will:

- plan the work for the IMM to do
- set goals for the IMM
- talk about what is going well
- talk about what is not going well
- decide who else to invite to each meeting
- talk about what each partner organisation is doing.





The partners will take it in turns to lead the meetings.



The Ombudsman and the Human Rights Commission will:



- share the hosting of the meetings
- take it in turn to write the notes at the meetings
- share the meeting papers with the IMM partners
- share the cost of anything that is needed for the meetings.



Some costs might be the cost of New Zealand Sign Language interpreters.



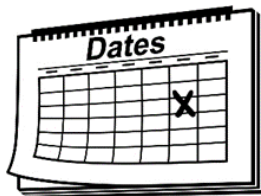
Meetings with less people will be held if the IMM is working on a report or project.

These meetings are called **Working Group meetings**.



The people at the Working Group meetings talk about:

- what work needs to be done
- when the work needs to be done by.



The cost of making a report will be shared between all the IMM partners.

Information about the IMM partners

The Human Rights Commission



The Human Rights Commission is the organisation that looks after human rights in New Zealand.



The Commission:

- supports human rights
- protects human rights
- checks that all New Zealanders are getting their human rights.



If disabled people are not getting their human rights they can make a complaint to the Commission.

The Disabled People's Organisation Coalition



The DPO Coalition is a group of Disabled People's Organisations.

**DPO
COALITION**

DPO is short for Disabled People's Organisations.



Disabled People's Organisations are groups that disabled people run themselves.



The DPO Coalition is where DPOs can:

- talk to each other
- have a strong voice on issues that affect disabled people.



The DPOs that belong to the DPO Coalition are:



- Balance Aotearoa



Blind Citizens NZ

- Blind Citizens of New Zealand Incorporated



- Deaf Aotearoa



Disabled Persons Assembly NZ

- Disabled Persons' Assembly New Zealand Incorporated



Kāpō Māori Aotearoa
New Zealand Inc.

- Kāpō Māori Aotearoa New Zealand Incorporated



Muscular Dystrophy
New Zealand

- Muscular Dystrophy Association of New Zealand Incorporated



- People First New Zealand / Ngā Tangata Tuatahi.

The Office of the Ombudsman



The Office of the Ombudsman deals with complaints about government organisations.



The Office of the Ombudsman can:

- look into complaints
- give advice.



You can contact the Ombudsman if you are having a problem with a government agency.



Contact information for the IMM partners



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