

## **Family and whānau - Quick Submission Plain Language - Select what you want to include**

Disability Support Services Bill

I do not support the Disability Support Services Bill in its current form.

I am concerned that disabled people and whānau were not genuinely involved in developing this Bill.

Disabled people and whānau must be involved in decisions about laws and services that affect their lives.

Nothing About Us Without Us.

I am also concerned that time is an accessibility issue. Many disabled people and whānau have not had enough time, support, or information to participate meaningfully.

The Bill does not clearly reflect:

- Enabling Good Lives principles
- UNCRPD rights
- Te Tiriti o Waitangi

I am concerned the Bill:

- increases reliance on family care without support
- allows more gatekeeping and restrictions
- leaves important safeguards and appeals to future decisions
- reduces certainty for disabled people and whānau

A disabled person's rights should not depend on the capacity of their family.

Supporting carers' wellbeing is essential, because when carers are under pressure, disabled people are also affected.

Family carers providing long hours of care beyond a typical family role should have fair employment rights and legal protections.

I ask the Committee to:

- embed Enabling Good Lives principles
- protect rights in law, not future decisions
- ensure appeals and safeguards exist now
- fix Clause 8
- remove income and asset testing
- ensure the wellbeing of carers
- provide fair employment rights for family carers providing long hours of care beyond a typical family role