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**Re: Disability Support Services**

Tēnā koe Chris,

The Enabling Good Lives (EGL) Waitaha Regional Leadership Group (WRLG) would like to thank you for meeting with us on 15 December 2024. Given the significance of the transition that is occurring to Disability Support Services we believe that direct engagement with the Taskforce is essential to ensure the voices and needs of our disabled community are fully represented and considered.

As outlined in that meeting, and in our follow up email of 16 December, our key concerns relate to the setback in disability progress, especially around the use of flexible funding, lack of consultation and engagement with the disability community, exacerbation of regional and equity disparities, and lack of disability expertise and accessible processes at MSD.

We acknowledge the current consultation process and as a leadership group we are developing our response to that, and how we can assist our community to engage in the consultation process.

In 2025 we remain ready and available to collaborate and support with your task force mandate, system transformation, enabling good lives and incorporating ELG principles and approach into everyday practise.

We are looking forward to the consultation workshop here in Ōtautahi on 12 March and would appreciate an opportunity to meet you and other officials kanohi ki te kanohi who will be present. Members of our Group are also available to assist at the consultation session.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your positive response and the opportunity to further collaborate with you.

Nāku noa, nā

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