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Letter of expectations to the MidCentral Governance Group

Thank you for accepting the responsibilities associated with being a member of the MidCentral Governance Group until June 2020.

The key role of the MidCentral Governance Group is providing strategic oversight of the Mana Whaikaha transformed disability support system and providing us with recommendations on how to improve the model. To support your work we have set out our priorities for the transformed disability support system and expectations of the MidCentral Governance Group in this letter.

We see this as a chance to assist you to focus your work and priorities, and to inform your decision-making – particularly in relation to providing us with recommendations on what improvements could be made.

As Ministers, we are responsible for ensuring that the MidCentral prototype of Mana Whaikaha meets the following objectives:

- providing disabled people and their whānau with more options and decision-making about their lives and supports
- improving the outcomes of disabled people and their whānau
- creating a more cost effective disability support system.

Our expectations are that you will focus your decision-making and recommendations for any improvements to the model on our priorities, which are:

- Do the Enabling Good Lives principles underpin the prototype?
- Are disabled people and their whānau having an improved experience of the disability support system?
- Do all eligible groups of disabled people have access to the disability support system?
- Is early investment leading to improved outcomes for disabled people and their whānau?
- Are there sound financial management practices in place to ensure Mana Whaikaha remains within budget?

We are committed to the 'try, learn and adjust' approach, and expect that any problems, issues and challenges will be honestly faced and addressed before any further rollout of the transformed disability support system.

To respond to our priorities and expectations we would like you to make decisions to ensure Mana Whaikaha remains with budget.

We look forward to meeting with you and the Deputy Chair of the MidCentral Governance Group on 4 December 2018 and discussing our expectations further.

We appreciate your leadership as the Chair of the MidCentral Governance Group and know that, by focusing on ensuring Mana Whaikaha achieves its objectives, it will make a significant contribution toward improving the wellbeing of disabled people and their whānau.

Nā māua noa, nā



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