
KEI MUA I TE AROARO O TE ROOPUU WHAKAMANA
I TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

BEFORE THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

WAI 2575

IN THE MATTER OF

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

THE HEALTH SERVICES AND OUTCOMES
KAUPAPA INQUIRY

SUPPLEMENTARY BRIEF OF EVIDENCE OF BEN O'MEARA

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I, Ben Martin O’Meara of Wellington, Deputy Chief Executive, Policy, Strategy and partnerships at Whaikaha state:

Introduction

1. My full name is Ben Martin O’Meara.
2. I am the Deputy Chief Executive of Policy, Strategy and Partnerships at Whaikaha - Ministry of Disabled People.
3. I have filed several briefs of evidence in the disability phase of the Wai 2575 inquiry. These include:
 - 3.1 system transformation;¹
 - 3.2 data;²
 - 3.3 purchasing guidelines changes in March 2024;³ and
 - 3.4 joint evidence with Melissa Sarah Gill and Sarah Jane Palmer on disability support services changes in August 2024.⁴

Three documents

4. In the course of considering a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982, Whaikaha - Ministry of Disabled People identified three further documents relating to the Independent Review of disability support services.
5. These are additional to the supporting documents provided with the joint brief of evidence of Ben O’Meara, Melissa Gill and Sarah Palmer.
6. The following three documents are attached to this brief of evidence:
 - 6.1 Briefing - Pathway for disability system transformation (26 January 2024).
 - 6.2 Briefing - Suggested consultation plan phase 1 of the independent review of disability support settings (10 May 2024).

¹ Wai 2575, #L2.

² Wai 2575, #L21.

³ Wai 2575, #N7.

⁴ Wai 2575, #N17.

6.3 Information request - Independent Review Panel
recommendations (1 July 2024)



Signed: _____
Ben Martin O'Meara

Date: 17 October 2024