



Executive Officer Update

26 February 2024

ATSNZ Disability Expos:

- Auckland 6-7 November is open for bookings, main hall is starting to fill up already.
- Christchurch 21-22 November, the process to develop the prospectus is nearly completed and we expect to open up to members for bookings 27 February.

Enable:

- After 3.5 years at Enable, Michelle Riwai resigned to compete a full year of immersion in te reo Māori at Te Wananga o Raukawa.
- Angela Hewitt is acting CE while the replacement search is on.

Whaikaha:

- Eight people from the community have been appointed to the board to sit alongside Chief Executive Paula Tesoriero and two Whaikaha executives. The community members are:
 - Barry De Geest
 - Delia Nolan
 - Kellie McGrath
 - Pati Umaga
 - Peter Allan
 - Ray King
 - Renata Kotua
 - Robbie Francis Watene

The Transformation Management Board will initially focus on building the infrastructure needed to transform the disability support system. That will include improving data and insights to guide investments and ensuring disabled people's leadership in communities. The board will meet five times a year.

- Signing of a new formal agreement between Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People and the National Enabling Good Lives Leadership Group (NEGL)
- Trials changes partly addressed on website <https://www.whaikaha.govt.nz/for-service-providers/equipment-and-modification-services/equipment-for-trial/>
 - Missing: supplier makes decisions on trial extension.
- Trials update discussed and band 3 equipment is back to being trialled.

Legislation:

1. 24 November 2023 the new government announced that they will repeal the **Therapeutic Products Act 2023**, that was passed in July 2023.
2. Jenny Simmonds, the Minister for Disability Issues, has declared that the **Accessibility Act 2023** will be carried over by the new government.

Health and Disability Commission ministers:

- Penny Simmonds – Minister for Disability Issues
- Shane Reti – Minister of Health
- Casey Costello – Associate Minister of Health
- Matt Doocey - Associate Minister of Health