



Tēnā koutou katoa,

Thank you for your interest in New Zealand's 3<sup>rd</sup> Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on human rights and the Government's consultation sessions that took place across the country in 2018.

New Zealand's review took place at the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva on 21 January 2019.

77 countries made a total of 194 recommendations to New Zealand on further steps we can take to improve our human rights situation. The recommendations are included in the attached draft report of the Human Rights Council.

The Government will formally respond to these recommendations in June 2019.

### **Please have your say**

The New Zealand Government invites you to send your feedback on the recommendations received during New Zealand's third UPR.

The Ministry of Justice is conducting targeted stakeholder engagement to support the Government's consideration of the recommendations from the UPR. Your input is much appreciated as it will assist us to identify which recommendations are prioritised the most by New Zealanders.

You can submit your feedback here: <https://consultations.justice.govt.nz/policy/663eef5f>

Please note that due to the tight timeframe given to New Zealand to respond to the UN, there is limited time available for submissions. Comments are limited to **500 words** so that we can analyse all submissions.

We would appreciate it if submissions focus on specific recommendations and reflect on the recommendations made to New Zealand by other countries, rather than raising new issues.

Stakeholder engagement closes on **Wednesday 13 March 2019 at 5pm**. You may forward the feedback link on to others if you wish.

Thank you for being part of the process so far, and for providing us with your valuable input. We look forward to continuing our dialogue with you on human rights issues.

Ngā manaakitanga,

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