
The Children's Convention Monitoring Group (CMG)

The CMG was formed in February 2011 to monitor how the Children's Convention (the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child) is being progressed in New Zealand.

View our Terms of Reference:

<http://www.occ.org.nz/assets/Uploads/CMG-ToR-UPDATED-May-2018-FINAL.pdf>

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Action for Children and Youth Aotearoa

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Human Rights Commission

Office of the Children's Commissioner (OCC)

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**QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S CONVENTION MONITORING GROUP (CMG)
January-March 2019****Engagement with Officials on Government coordination and implementation of the Children's Convention**

The OCC has continued to meet regularly with MSD on behalf of the CMG (two times this quarter).

The CMG met once this quarter with the Children's Convention Deputy Chief Executives Group (Chaired by the Ministry of Social Development) who are progressing the Children's Convention cross-agency government work programme. Topics of discussion included the Optional Protocol on a Communications Procedure, progress in promoting the Child Impact Assessment tool and the upcoming CMG annual report which will focus on participation rights. MSD has started developing an online learning tool on the Children's Convention for public servants which is part of the government cross-agency work programme. It should be launched later this year.

The CMG met with the Minister for Children this quarter to discuss how the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child across Government is tracking. This has now been set up as an annual update meeting with the Minister for Children given her delegated responsibility for the Children's Convention.

The CMG met with the Administrator for Tokelau, Mr Ross Ardern, this quarter to clarify New Zealand's role in extending the Convention in Tokelau and to draw attention to children's rights issues there. A follow up meeting with MFAT helped clarify the constitutional and governance arrangements of Tokelau.

Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy

The CMG has continued to engage with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) to provide advice on the development of the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy to ensure the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is adequately embedded and applied across all areas of the Strategy.