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

View our Terms of Reference:

<https://www.occ.org.nz/assets/Uploads/CMG-ToR-UPDATED-September-2019.pdf>

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Children's Rights Alliance
Aotearoa
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QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S CONVENTION MONITORING GROUP (CMG) January-March 2020

Reporting to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

CMG members submitted reports to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child in March 2020 to inform the 'List of Issues Prior to Reporting' for New Zealand's 6th periodic review under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The 6th periodic review will be undertaken for the first time under the Committee's 'Simplified Reporting Process'.

The Office of the Children's Commissioner's report has a focus on the Commissioner's four key priorities (see <https://www.occ.org.nz/publications/submissions/childrens-commissioners-views-on-priorities-for-children-in-new-zealand/>). The Human Rights Commission's report provides a broad overview of developments since the Committee's concluding observations on the fifth periodic report of New Zealand in October 2016. The Children's Rights Alliance Aotearoa report was developed in consultation with civil society and children's experts.

These three reports include recommendations and questions that the Committee may wish to ask the New Zealand government about their implementation of the Children's Convention.

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 (three times this quarter). The CMG provided feedback on advice related to the ratification of the Optional Protocol on a Communications Procedure and next steps for children's rights training and the promotion and use of the Child Impact Assessment tool.