
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)
July-September 2020**

Public reporting update

The OCC hosted a CMG workshop in July to take stock of reporting responsibilities and determine the focus of the next *Getting it Right* report. The CMG agreed at the workshop to focus on COVID-19 and children’s rights using the June2020 supplementary reports to the UN Committee as a base for further update.

In September the OCC sent a list of questions about COVID-19 and children’s rights to government agencies. Responses to these questions will be a source of information for the *Getting it Right* report.

Reporting to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child on COVID-19

On the 21st July 2020 the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child submitted their [List of Issues Prior to the submission of the sixth report of New Zealand](#). The Government will respond to the List of Issues and the 2016 Concluding Observations in June 2021.

Engagement with Officials on Government coordination and implementation of the Children’s Convention

The CMG met with the Children’s Convention DCE group on the 30th July. The OCC presented initial findings of the *Life in Lockdown* survey of children and young people’s experiences of the COVID-19 lockdown at this meeting.

The CMG met with and provided advice to Stats NZ about the Data Investment Plan. The CMG advised that community engagement take place to ensure the needs of children are represented in the Plan and for there to be sufficient disaggregation of data for children.

The OCC continued to meet regularly with MSD on behalf of the CMG (two times this quarter). The CMG continued to advocate for the ratification of the third Optional Protocol on a Communications Procedure to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.