
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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**QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S CONVENTION MONITORING GROUP (CMG)
October-December 2018****Engagement with Officials on Government coordination 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 meeting with the Children's Convention Deputy Chief Executives group also took place this quarter on 21st November. The November meeting focused on the DCEs response to the CMG's Building Blocks report and provided an update to the [cross-government work programme to implement the Children's Convention](#).

Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy

The CMG met with members of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on the 4th December to discuss links between the Children's Convention and the proposed Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy that is linked with the Child Poverty Reduction Bill. Individual members of the CMG also put in submissions through the formal government process.

Communication around the Third Optional Protocol

Ratification of the third Optional Protocol to the CRC on a Communications Procedure still remains under consideration by the Government. MSD is undertaking further work with other agencies – primarily MoJ and MFAT - to understand the implications of ratifying. The CMG asked at the November DCEs meeting for expected timelines around the further legal/policy analysis being undertaken, as well as the further development of two domestic complaints systems – led by Oranga Tamariki and the Ministry of Education.

Universal Periodic Review

CMG members participated in the Universal Periodic Review in-country pre-session on the 26th October. They presented significant children's rights issues to members of New Zealand's diplomatic and foreign embassy community.