

Rare Disorders NZ Collective Key Messages February 2022

FAIR FOR RARE NZ CAMPAIGN

- The Fair for Rare NZ campaign was launched at Parliament on 28 February by Dr Liz Craig MP
- An estimated 300,000 New Zealanders (1 in 17 people or 6% of the population) have a rare disorder – half of whom are children, which impacts social and physical functions, household budget, employment and job careers, family life and well-being.
- People living with a rare disorder in New Zealand face barriers to access diagnosis, treatment and care – particularly when compared to most OECD countries, including Australia
- Rare Disorders NZ and its collective of 125 support groups are calling on the Government to acknowledge the common challenges faced by people living with a rare disease
- We are calling for a National Strategy for Rare Disorders, and within it a framework for rare disorders, in the new Pae Ora health reform to enable responsive healthcare for all people living with a rare disorder
- These initiatives would not only benefit those with a rare disorder, but have much further-reaching advantages – for example, reducing the burden on the health system and lessening both the time away from work and mental stress for those living with a rare disorder and their carers
- New Zealand must honour its commitments to the Treaty of Waitangi, Maori/Pacific Action Plans as well as respective United Nations and Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation agreements
- Rare Disorders NZ needs sustainable funding to continue its important work on behalf of those living with a rare disease

For more information:

<https://raredisorders.org.nz/fair-for-rare-nz/>

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