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Crown Response to the

Abuse in Care Inquiry:

A statement from the

Co-chairs of the Redress Design Group

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# About this newsletter

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It is a **statement** from the 2 new Co-chairs of the **Redress Design Group.**



We will explain what these thingsmean in the next parts of this document.

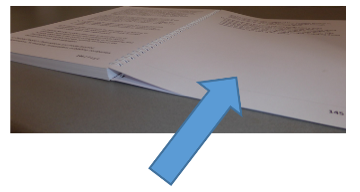
A **statement** is an official way of sharing:

what someone thinks

what someone will do.

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You can find the statement on

**pages 13 to 17** of this document.

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Some of the information in this document may upset people when they are reading it.

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Diagram

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your family / friends

your support workers.

# What is the Royal Commission of

# Inquiry into Abuse in Care?

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Description automatically generated with low confidence](about:blank)The **Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care** is looking into abuse that happened to people

**in care**.

Diagram

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**Faith-based institution**s are run by religious groups like churches.

**Abuse** can be:

* **physical** – a person kicking or hitting you
* Two people sitting at a table

  Description automatically generated with low confidence**sexual** – a person doing sexual things to you that you do not want them to like:
* A black and white drawing of a person and person sitting at a table

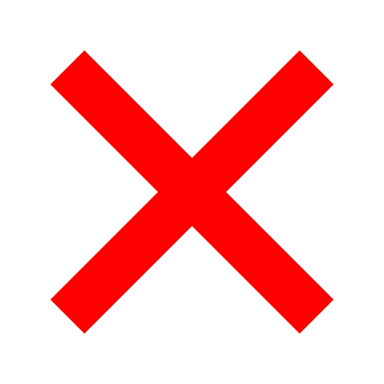
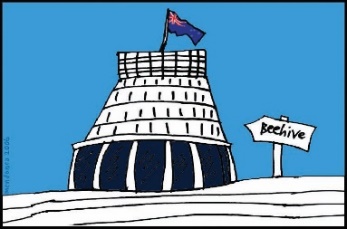
  Description automatically generated with medium confidencetouching your body or private parts
* kissing you
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  Description automatically generatedmaking you have sex with them – this is called rape
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  Description automatically generated**emotional** – a person yelling or saying things to you that are not nice
* **neglect** – a person not giving you the things or care you need.

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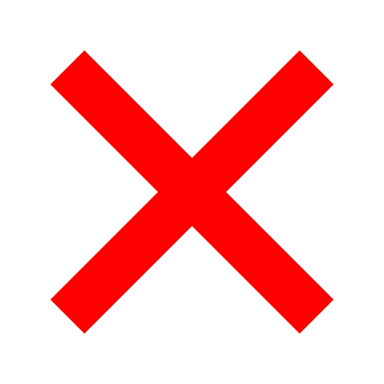
Description automatically generated with low confidence](about:blank)The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Careis also called the **Commission**.



The Commission is **not** part of the Government.



The Government cannot tell the Commission what to do.



The Commission is not part of any faith-basedorganisations like churches.



The Commission calls people who have been through abuse in care **survivors.**

# What is the Crown Response Unit?

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Description automatically generatedThe **Crown Response** **to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care** is a group of government officials that looks after the:

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  Description automatically generatedcontact between the Government and the Commission
* Government response to what the Commission finds out.

A building with a flag on top

Description automatically generated with low confidenceThe **response** is what the Government will do because of what the Commission finds out.

# What is the Redress Design Group?

**Redress** means someone:

agrees that something bad has happened

does something to try to:

* put things right
* make up for any harm that has been done.

Calendar

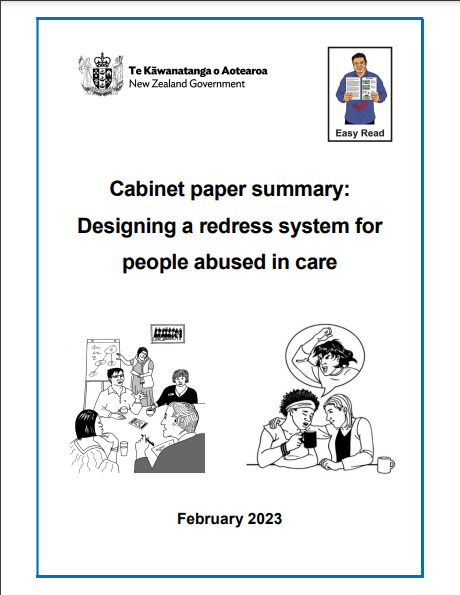
Description automatically generatedRedress can be things like:

saying sorry

giving money as a way of saying sorry

giving other kinds of support like counselling.

We are putting together some groups of people to work out the best ways of doing redress for survivors.



There is an Easy Read document with more information about this called:

**Cabinet paper summary:**

**Designing a redress system for people abused in care**

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Description automatically generatedYou can find this document at this **website**:

**www.abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz/  
mo-matou-about-us/alternate-formats**

# About the 2 Co-chairs



A lot of work needs to be done to make sure the redress system works well.



There is so much work to do that 2 people have been chosen to share the job of Chair of the Redress Design Group.

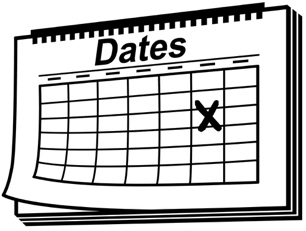


The job of the Chair is to make sure the redress system works well.

Close-up of hands shaking

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The job that the 2 people share will be called Co-chair.



They will work in this job for 7 months.

The 2 Co-chairs are:



* Annabel Ahuriri-Driscoll
* Ruth Jones.



**About Annabel Ahuriri-Driscoll**

****Annabel has done a lot of work to support Māori in healthcare.



Annabel has a lot of experience of working in and writing about public health.

Map

Description automatically generatedAnnabel is from these iwi:

* Ngāti Porou
* Ngāti Raukawa
* Ngāti Kahungunu.

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Description automatically generated**About Ruth Jones**

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Ruth also has done a lot of work to support Māori in healthcare.



Ruth has a lot of experience working with groups that support disabled people.



She was given a medal from the Queen for some of the work she has done.

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Ruth is from these iwi:

* + - * Ngāti Porou
* Rongowhakaata.

Logo, company name

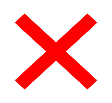
Description automatically generatedRuth is also part of a board / group that gives advice to the Government about **Oranga Tamariki**.



**Oranga Tamariki** is the part of the Government that looks after children.

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The board does not work for the Government.

# Statement from the Co-chairs



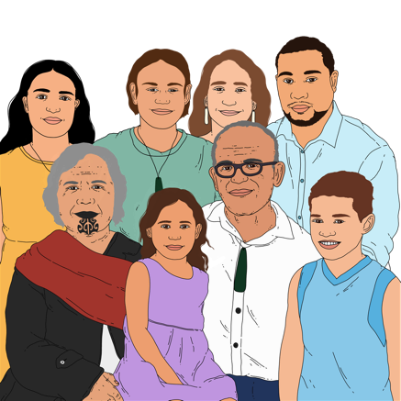
As Co-chairs we know that survivors have been waiting a very long time for redress.



We have both worked hard in all the jobs we have had to make sure we:

listen to survivors

speak up for survivors.

We also know how important it is to listen to survivors who are:

Māori

tāngata whaikaha /   
Māori disabled people.

We understand:

how important this job is

how important it is for us to do this job right.

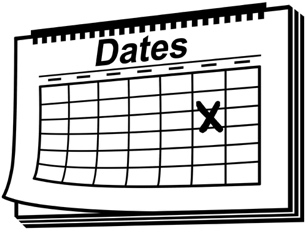
As Co-chairs we will work together to make sure all of what we do is:

guided by the voices of survivors

focused on what we have learned from listening to survivors.

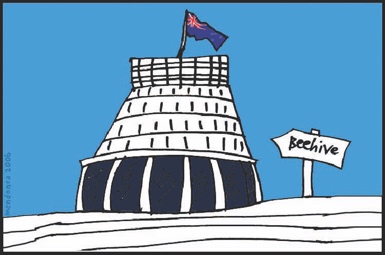


We are working with the Crown Response Unit to put together a plan for how the redress system will work.

The people in the design group will meet up many times over 4 months to:

talk about what needs to happen

work with other advisory groups

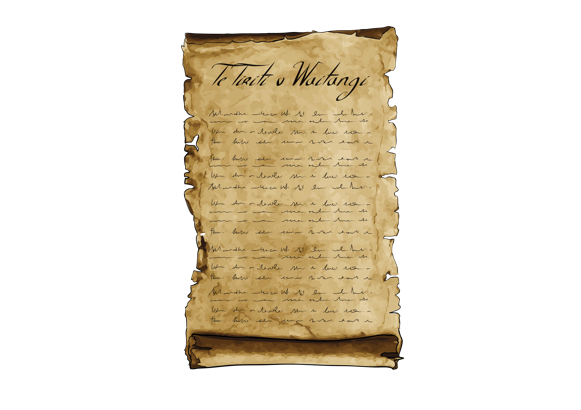
****give **recommendations** about what needs to happen to the Government.

**Recommendations** are things we think should happen.



After these 4 months we will do more design work to make sure the things we have recommended get done.

****Our way of working will be guided by:

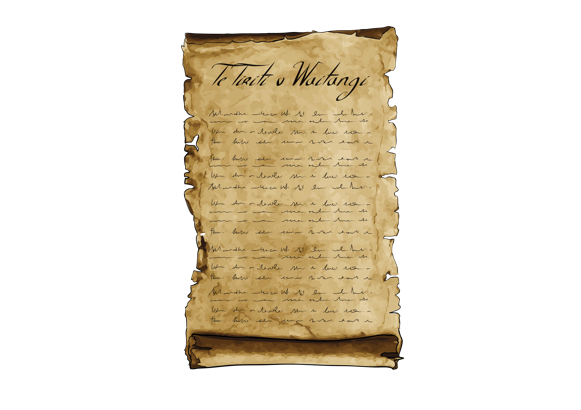
****what is **tika** from a Māori way of thinking

the **principles** of **Te Tiriti o Waitangi / Treaty of Waitangi**.

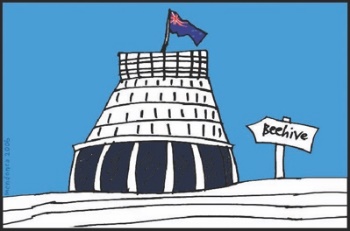
**Tika** means something that is true / right.



**Principles** are like rules that tell people how to act / behave.

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**Te Tiriti o Waitangi / Treaty of  
Waitangi** is a legal document that  
was signed in 1840.

**Te Tiriti o Waitangi** **/ Treaty of Waitangi** is about Māori and the New Zealand Government:

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Description automatically generatedmaking decisions together

protecting things that are  
important to Māori.



By working together like this we will make sure that what the redress system does is also tika.

# Where to find more information

Graphical user interface, application

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by email at:

**contact@abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz**

* A close-up of a telephone

  Description automatically generated with medium confidenceby phone on:

**04 815 6327**

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