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Cabinet paper summary:

Designing a redress system for people abused in care

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# **February 2023**What is this document about?



This document is an Easy Read **summary** of a **cabinet paper**.

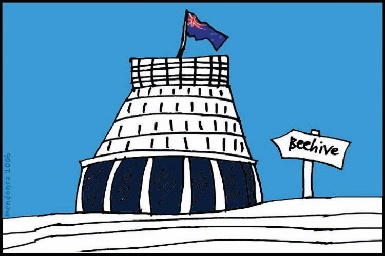
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A **summary** is a shorter form of a document that tells you the most important ideas.

A **cabinet paper** has information in it that **Cabinet** needs to:

* know
* make a decision about.

**Cabinet** is a group of people called ministers who work in Government.

These ministers meet to make important political decisions.



This cabinet paper is about making a **redress system** for people who were **abused** in care.

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We will explain what these words mean in **pages 4 to 6** of this document.



This cabinet paper is from Chris Hipkins who was the Minister for the Public Service when it was written.

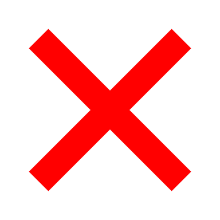
Andrew Little is now the Minister for the Public Service.



You can see the full version of the cabinet paper at:

[**www.abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz/documents**](http://www.abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz/documents/)



****The cabinet paper is **not** in Easy Read.

# What is a redress system?

**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.

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Redress can be things like:

* saying sorry
* giving money as a way of saying sorry
* giving other kinds of support like counselling.

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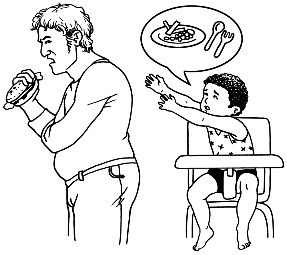
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**Abuse** can be:

* **physical** like a person kicking / hitting you
* A picture containing text

  Description automatically generated**sexual** like if someone does sexual things to you that you do not want them to
* **emotional** like yelling or saying things to you that are not nice



* **neglect** like not giving you the things / care you need.



**Living** **in care** means that the Government or a **faith-based** **institution** was in charge of your care / looking after you.

Icon

Description automatically generated with medium confidenceFaith**-based institutions** are run by religious groups like churches.

Cabinet has already said yes to making a new redress system that is:

* independent
* focused on **survivors**.



In this document **survivors** are people who have survived being abused.

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Cabinet has also said yes to some projects to make the way redress happens now better for survivors.

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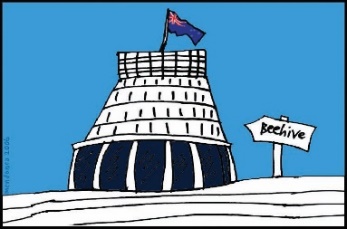
It is important to work out the best way for the new redress system to work.

# The Royal Commission and Crown Response

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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.

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.



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Description automatically generated with medium confidenceThe **Crown Response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care** is sometimes called the:

* Crown Response
* **CRU**.

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The **CRU** is a group of government officials that looks after the:

* communication between the Government and the Commission

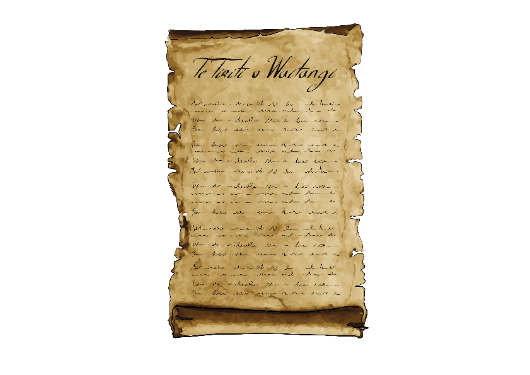
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* Government **response** to what the Commission finds out.

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.

****The Crown Response needs to do more work to make it clear:

* how the **Treaty of Waitangi** is important to the redress system
* what the redress system will do to stop harm to people who are in care now.

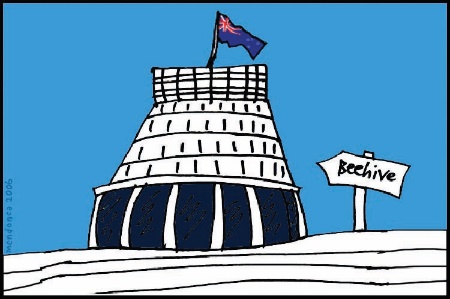
A group of people in clothing

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



**The Treaty / Te Tiriti** is important to New Zealand.

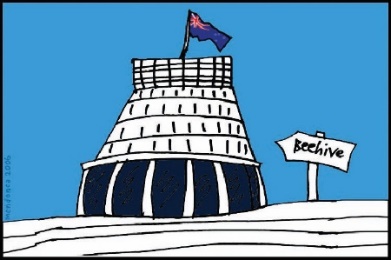
The Treaty of Waitangi is about Māori and the New Zealand Government:

* making decisions together
* protecting things that are important to Māori.



The following 3 sections on **pages   
11 to 22** of this document are a summary of things Chris Hipkins said should happen to make sure the new redress system works well.

# The design group



There should be a design group to come up with a new redress system.

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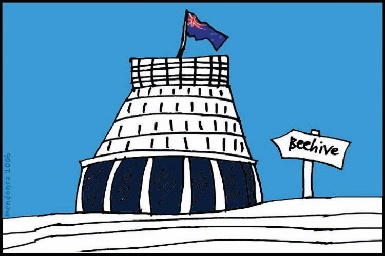
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The design group will then make its own **recommendations**.

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**Recommendations** are things that should be done to make things better for people.



Ministers will then make final decisions based on what the design group recommends.

The design group should have:

* 10 people
* strong Māori leadership
* A drawing of two people

  Description automatically generated with low confidencepeople of different **genders**
* people who are survivors
* people who are **experts**.

**A group of people posing for a photo

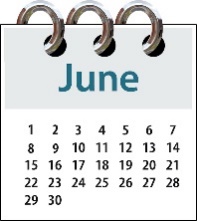
Description automatically generatedGender** is if you are:

* a man
* a woman
* another gender like nonbinary.



**Experts** are people who know a lot about something.

The design group will make a **high-level proposal** by June 2023 for how the redress system should work.



A picture containing letter

Description automatically generatedA **high-level proposal** is a document that:

* says the important things about how things will work
* does not include all the details or smaller things about how it will work.

The high-level proposal will include:

* what the design group thinks about the ideas the new system is based on
* what the design group thinks about what is included in the redress system
* how the system can safely support survivors to get redress

A group of people sitting at a table

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* what types of services / support are included
* Text

  Description automatically generated with medium confidencewhat the design group think of some of the work by the Crown Response towards making this new redress system
* what important things need to be thought about in the next part of planning.

# The advisory group



There should be an advisory group to support the design group.



This is because different groups of survivors have their own views about what should be included in the new redress system.

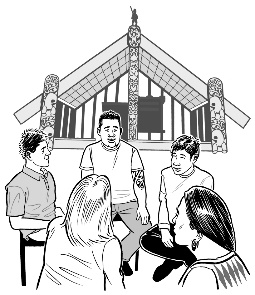
A group of people sitting on chairs

Description automatically generatedThe advisory group will:

* have 20 people
* give advice to the design group.

**A group of people posing for a photo

Description automatically generated**The advisory group should include people who are:

* A group of people posing for a photo

  Description automatically generatedof different genders
* Māori
* A picture containing person, male

  Description automatically generatedA group of people sitting in wheelchairs

  Description automatically generated with medium confidencePasifika
* disabled
* Deaf
* rangatahi / young people
* **LGBTTQIA+**

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It should also include people who were abused in:

* A picture containing icon

  Description automatically generatedstate care
* faith-based care.

**LGBTTQIA+** stands for people who are:

* lesbian
* A group of people posing for a photo

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* bisexual
* transgender

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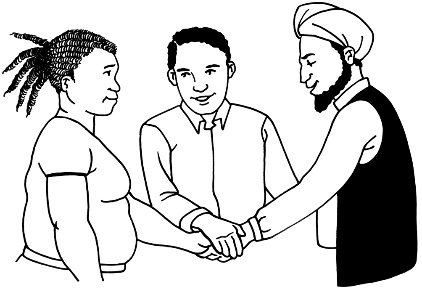
* takatāpui
* queer

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* questioning which means not sure what words fit them best
* A person wearing a white shirt

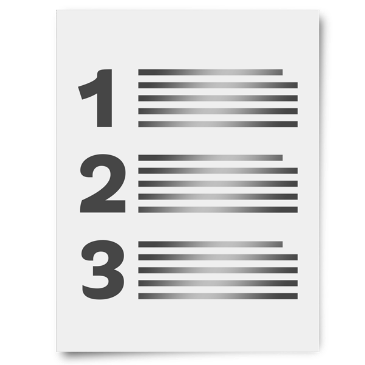
  Description automatically generated with low confidenceintersex
* asexual
* plus other people who fit in similar groups.

The people who are part of the advisory group should be able to work together in smaller groups.

People for the advisory group can be **nominated** from anywhere in New Zealand.

Being **nominated** means someone says you would be a good person to have in the group.

# Cabinet paper recommendations



**The cabinet paper recommendations** are things that I (Chris Hipkins) think should happen.

My recommendations are to the **Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee**.

The **Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee** thinks about plans to make sure everyone has a good **standard of living**.

It is also called the **SWC**.

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Description automatically generated with low confidenceStandard of living** means things like:

* Diagram, engineering drawing

  Description automatically generatedhaving enough money for good food
* having a safe place to live.

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Description automatically generatedI recommend that the SWC agree that the new redress system should include:

* A picture containing text

  Description automatically generatedpeople who have been in care not run by the state
* A picture containing linedrawing

  Description automatically generatedpeople who are experiencing abuse now
* people who might experience abuse later.

I recommend that the SWC:

* Calendar

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  Description automatically generatedagree with what I have suggested about the design group
* A picture containing letter

  Description automatically generatedagree that the design group should make proposals by June 2023
* agree that the Crown Response will **draft** the **terms of reference** for the design group
* agree to a way of choosing who will be in the:  
  + design group
  + advisory group.



To **draft** something means to write the first version of it.

The **terms of reference** mean the things that will be included in what the group looks at.

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Description automatically generatedI would like the SWC to agree the CRU does more thinking to tell me about:

* what kinds of abuse should be covered by the redress system
* if the new system should include whānau of survivors.

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I also recommend the SWC agree that I will choose the Chairperson of the groups.



I will discuss my choice with the Minister for Māori Crown Relations.

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