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# Background

- Started with Select Committee Inquiry 2008
- In 2011, the Minister for Disability Issues asked an independent group from the disability sector to report to her on the current function and operation of disability day services.
- That group proposed that rather than focusing on ‘special’ places or activities for disabled people, it would encompass a person’s whole life, not just one part of it.

This was called Enabling Good Lives (EGL) with a vision that:

*In the future, disabled children and adults and their families will have greater choice and control over their supports and lives, and make more use of natural and universally available supports.*

EGL is an approach led by disabled people and families

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- 2012 - long term change to disability supports signalled by Government
- Demonstrations - 3 years in Christchurch and 2 years in the Waikato
- The demonstrations themselves are not EGL because they're narrowly focussed
- The EGL demonstrations are trying new ways of doing things. It's about systems change and is across the Ministries of Health, Social Development and Education

The EGL report made a number of key recommendations including:

✓ A fundamental set of principles that underpins future disability supports:

- self determination
- beginning early
- person centred
- ordinary life outcomes
- mainstream first
- mana enhancing
- easy to use
- relationship building

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- ✓ Self-directed facilitation-based support and planning that actively supports disabled people to have greater choice and control over their lives and supports
- ✓ Cross-government individualised and portable funding to provide disabled people with personal allocations that can be used more flexibly to purchase supports and services
- ✓ Considering the person in their wider context, not just formal support.

- ✓ Strengthening families/ whanau so people know how to maximise their choice and control
- ✓ Community building to assist disabled people to be active and valued citizens with an everyday life in everyday places and the natural support this brings

# Elements for Systems Change

- 1 Building knowledge and skills of disabled people
- 2 Investment in families
- 3 Changes in communities
- 4 Changes to service provision
- 5 Changes to government systems and processes

# Outcomes

- Control
- Increased Choice
- Diversity
- Participatory citizenship
- Joined-up system that is easy to use
- Personal budgets
- Independent Navigation/ Facilitation
- Facilitated support
- Joint governance

# Key Cabinet Decisions — 15 February 2017

- The Ministry of Health and Ministry of Social Development worked alongside the disability community to design a process for a nationwide transformation of the disability support system. The first step of this was a high level co-design process, involving representatives of the disability community and officials
- The first region to go through the full change process will be the mid-Central region – Waikato and Christchurch will be the next regions
- The National Enabling Good Lives Leadership Group will promote and safeguard the EGL vision and principles

# Key Cabinet Decisions cont...

- The transformation in each region will be supported by a local leadership group from the disability community
- There will be significant changes required – including to the existing funding allocation services
- EGL will continue, with current arrangements, in Christchurch and the Waikato until the full transformation starts in those areas

# Building Blocks for System Design

- Disabled people and families being able to access independent facilitators who walk alongside people and help them build a good life
- Having a single point of entry for funded support
- A strengths based assessment
- A personal budget to spend flexibly
- A range of options for managing a personal budget
- Capacity building for disabled people, families and providers
- Improved accountability arrangements that monitor quality of life