The promotion and maintenance of NZSL

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A language with strong vitality (survival prospects) is used:

- by many people
- in the home and in many other domains
- to talk about most, if not all, topics
- by all generations (children!)

New Zealand Sign Language: Official language 2006

About Time!! Good on you NZ!!
• by many people
• In home/many other domains

• By all generations (children!)
A New Era in the Right to Sign

Report of the New Zealand Sign Language Inquiry

Human Rights Commission Inquiry
NZSL?
Language planning and policy
Children: 1st language, full proficiency

Acquisition
Adults: 2nd language learning
Use of NZSL in all domains

Social equality = access to information/services
Status

**Recognition:** Law, policy, rights

**Planning:** Actions, resources, monitoring
• Dictionary, grammar, research, archives
• Teaching & learning materials
Awareness & tolerance of language
Value & visibility of language
What do you already know?