

# OGP Independent Review Mechanism

**Design Report recommendations for consideration in NZ's 4<sup>th</sup> OGP National  
Action Plan**

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# OGP IRM Aim and Role

Inform ongoing dialogue around the development and implementation of future commitments

Provide a key input into the creation of a new National Action Plan

Key means for stakeholders to track OGP progress in member countries

# OGP IRM Reports Methodology

Combine interviews, desk research, observation and NGO feedback

Build on evidence in NZ's OGP repository, government's self-assessment reports, and any other non-government assessments

Interview stakeholders to ensure an accurate portrayal of events

Meet rigorous IRM internal and external quality control process

# NZ's 2020 IRM Design Report's stakeholders

- Members of the public who:
  - had submitted commitment ideas for the 3<sup>rd</sup> action plan
  - had attended workshops
  - had made public comment on earlier action plans
  - responded to an invitation on discussion lists and social media
- 54 New Zealanders in 35 interviews:
  - Expert Advisory Panel
  - commitment leads
  - business leaders
  - NZGov Tech
  - academics/commitment subject specialists
  - NGOs
  - journalists

# Key Stakeholder Recommendations

- visible Ministerial OGP activity
- visible civil society/government multi-stakeholder forum
- co-create transformational commitments jointly led by government and NZ communities
- progress core open government work:
  - Official information Act reform
  - political party donations
  - open contracting standard
- include civil society led work
  - participatory budgeting
  - citizens' assemblies
- add local government commitments
- connect with NZ's work on the UN Sustainable Development Goals,
- continue incomplete OGP commitment work

# Key IRM recommendations for the 4<sup>th</sup> action plan

- Reform official information laws
- Strengthen the role and mandate of the Expert Advisory Panel as it continues to evolve as New Zealand's Multi-stakeholder Forum
- Create a joint civil society/government public engagement Community of Practice or Hub
- Apply civics education learning at community and local government level
- Strengthen high-quality public media reporting by continuing the Local Democracy Reporter pilot to ensure transparency and public accountability of local government

# Recommendations relating to NAP3 commitment 1

## Engagement with Parliament

Office of the Clerk, Ara Taiohi, Office of Ethnic Communities, Ministries of Maori Development and Pacific Communities to consider a commitment to encourage more ethnicities to participate more actively in the business of Parliament

# Recommendations relating to NAP3 commitment 2

## Youth Parliament

Consider a commitment to strengthen current ability for school-age students to pre-register to vote at general elections

# Recommendations relating to NAP3 commitment 3

## School Leavers' Toolkit

Consider a commitment to measure the success of schools' and kura use of the Toolkit for effective civics education

# Recommendations relating to NAP3 commitment 4

## **Making NZ's secondary legislation readily accessible**

Carry out next stage of the Access to Secondary Legislation project by:  
publishing the full text of secondary legislation on the NZ legislation website

Carry out Cabinet's directive to the Department of Internal Affairs to explore options for making local authorities' legislation and by-laws more accessible to users

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## Public participation in policy development

Continue work to apply IAP2 co-creation policy, create Cabinet guidance & train policy staff

Develop minimum standards for government consultation exercises, e.g. providing adequate timeframes for the public to engage effectively with consultations

Measure policy agencies' uptake of the Toolkit

With civil society, evaluate whether this form of public engagement has made policy implementation smoother, as anticipated by the Head of Policy Profession

# Recommendations relating to NAP3 commitment 6

## Service design

Consider a commitment to engage with the public to evaluate the impact of the Digital Service Design Standard and assessment model

# Recommendations relating to NAP3 commitment 7

## Official Information

Consider a commitment to expand the review to become a full OIA review covering the matters raised in all of NZ's OGP IRM reviews and by stakeholders interviewed for this report

# Recommendations relating to NAP3 commitment 8

## Review of government use of algorithms

Document all algorithms used by government & make the register publicly available

Engage widely with the public during this work

Develop & implement policy, guidelines and training requiring open algorithms across government

# Recommendations relating to NAP3 commitment 9

## Increase the visibility of government's data stewardship practices

Engage with the public to at least the 'involve' level of the IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation

Develop a methodology to measure changes in data stewardship practice across government agencies, through a participatory process

Feed the Office of the Privacy Commissioner's protection & trust expertise into the work, as recommended by stakeholders.

# Recommendations relating to NAP3 commitment 10

## **Monitoring the effectiveness of public body information management practices**

Consider a commitment to commence and implement a programme to drive improvement by under-performing agencies; and

Seek public feedback on whether this commitment's objective has been met.

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## **Authoritative dataset of government organisations as open data for greater transparency**

Consider continuing work to ensure there is a commitment to maintain and further develop the governance structures for its sustainability and mandate

That DIA consults with D9 counterparts re applying their open standards experience

That StatsNZ and DIA continue close collaboration and/or leadership on this work

Include legislation that agencies administer in this list

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## Open procurement

Consider a commitment to work with business, the public and government agencies to release all awarded government contracts as open data, adopt the Open Contracting Data Standard, and update the Government Procurement Rules accordingly

# In conclusion

Consider this evidence-based analysis and wide stakeholder feedback when jointly creating the NAP4 commitments

Seriously consider continuing the foundational work in NAP3 and not lose the extensive government and civil society work over the last 3 years

THANK YOU