



Information about research into how abortion services work for disabled people in Aotearoa New Zealand



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About this document



This Easy Read document is about being part of **research** done by the **Donald Beasley Institute**.



Research is when we get a lot of information together about something to learn about it.



The **Donald Beasley Institute** is a place that researches things to do with disability.



They are based in Dunedin in New Zealand.

The Donald Beasley Institute is sometimes called the **DBI**.



This research is about what happens for disabled people when they use **abortion services**.



Abortion is when you stop your pregnancy before birth.



This can be done by:

- taking 2 different types of pills
- having an operation.



Abortion services includes things like:

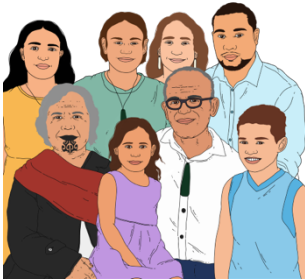
- talking to someone to choose if you want to have an abortion
- support with the feelings you have about being pregnant
- having an abortion
- getting information about **contraception** after an abortion.



Contraception means things to stop you getting pregnant when you have sex.

What is this research about?

He aha te kaupapa o taua nei rakahau?



Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou, ka ora ai tō tatou whānau.



This whakataukī says that:

- 1 person working alone can do just enough to survive
- lots of people working together can make it so everyone can have a good life.



We want to find out how easy / hard it is for disabled people to get abortion services.



We also want to find out if abortion services are done in a way that works for disabled people.



This research will be used by:

- the Government
- healthcare providers.



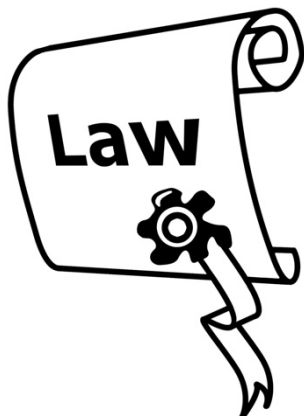
It will also help to make abortion services that:

- are more fair
- work for more people
- are there for everyone who needs them.





This research will also be used when the government checks to see how well the **Abortion Legislation Act 2020** is working.



The **Abortion Legislation Act 2020** means the law about abortion in Aotearoa New Zealand.

It says that:



- people who are less than 20 weeks pregnant can get an abortion for any reason
- people who are more than 20 weeks pregnant can get an abortion for some reasons.



Who can take part? Mā wai e whakauru



People who take part in this research will be asked to answer a **questionnaire**.



A **questionnaire** is a list of questions you can answer.

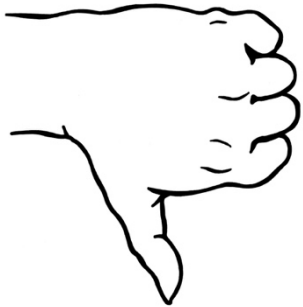
All your answers will be **anonymous**.



Anonymous means no one will be able to find out who you are.



We want to talk to 20 disabled people who have experience with any sort of abortion services in Aotearoa New Zealand since 2020.



We also want to talk to disabled people who could not get the abortion services they needed.



People who have been supporters for disabled people who could not give **informed consent** for abortion services can also do the questionnaire.



Informed consent means you:

- agree to something
- understand:
 - what your choices are
 - what could happen.

Supporters will be asked what it was like assisting someone to get abortion services.

They should not speak for the disabled person.



To take part in this research you have to be:

- over 18 years old
- able to give informed consent about being part of this research.



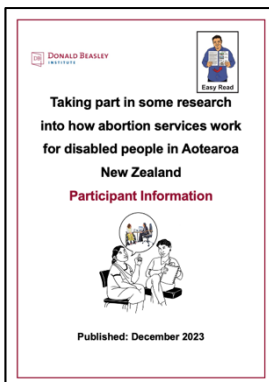
How do I take part?

Mē pēhea au I whakatpoko I taua nei te kaupapa?



You can find Easy Read information about this research at:

bit.ly/30XvG8D



The **Participant Information Sheet** has information to assist you to choose if you want to take part in this research.



If you choose to take part in this research you can fill out the questionnaire online at:

bit.ly/3wBuSjt

More Information



You can contact us about this research if you have any:

- questions
- worries.



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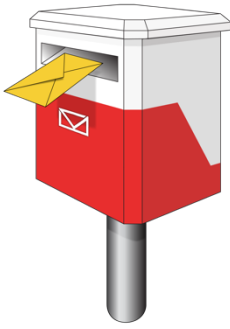
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Te reo Māori words in this document

Kōrero Whakamārama



We have chosen to use the **Kai Tahu dialect** for the te reo Māori words in this document.



The **Kai Tahu dialect** is the type of te reo Māori that is spoken in a lot of the South Island.

The Kai Tahu dialect uses a **k** where other types of te reo Māori use **ng**.



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