

## CHARITIES ACT REVIEW:

# HAVE YOUR SAY



The Government is reviewing the Charities Act 2005 to ensure the Act works effectively for charities, their staff and volunteers, and the public. We would like to learn about your experiences of the Act.

The Act outlines what organisations can register as charities and what is required of those charities. Registration provides such benefits as greater recognition for charities from the public and funders.

### HAVE YOUR SAY

The Department of Internal Affairs will be releasing a discussion document in late February 2019. Community meetings will be held from 6 March to 18 April 2019, to support you to submit your views by late April 2019.

### WHAT THE REVIEW COVERS

The review focuses on such issues as:

- the purpose of the Act
- obligations of charities
- how registration decisions are made
- how charities can appeal decisions
- charities that have businesses
- issues for Māori charities
- how charities can advocate for their causes.

### WHY THE ACT IS BEING REVIEWED

Charities play a vital role in supporting communities. A well designed Act can help charities to thrive and can enhance public trust and confidence in charities.

This is the first broad review of the Act since its introduction, and the environment for charities has changed in that time. The review is an opportunity to let us know how the Act is currently working in practice.

### COMMUNITY MEETINGS

We encourage you to:

- attend a community meeting to hear about the review and discuss it with the Department and members of the review's non-government Core Reference Group
- write a submission on the discussion document.

Meetings about the review will be held in:

- Whangarei
- North Shore
- Waitakere
- South Auckland
- Auckland Central
- Hamilton
- Whakatane
- Rotorua
- Hastings
- Gisborne
- New Plymouth
- Palmerston North
- Carterton
- Wellington
- Lower Hutt
- Nelson
- Christchurch
- Dunedin
- Invercargill

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### ANY QUESTIONS?

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