

# disAbility INFORMATION WAITAKERE NETWORK Inc

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Dear Rachael

Thank you for the Safety And Access By Design presentation you gave at our Disability Information Waitakere Network (DIWN) Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2002.

Committee members discussed the brief, and we would like to inform you of our support and willingness to participate in the project. However, prior to appointing a DIWN representative to the steering group we would like an opportunity to meet with members of the other stakeholders for an informal discussion of the Draft Project.

After further discussion regarding funding, the committee unanimously agreed that it is Council's responsibility to provide funding for projects such as this, as it is a **RIGHT** for people with disabilities to have access to all public facilities. We are therefore not prepared to support the Project financially.

It goes without saying that if all buildings, public parks etc complied with Standard 4121 within the Building Code, issues of safety would be drastically reduced and Waitakere City would be Barrier Free for all residents to enjoy and participate in an enabling society.

Again, thank you for your time.

Kind Regards



Karen Tait  
President  
Disability Information Waitakere Network

Local Facilities	
Programme Services	
Community Development	
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Public Services	
Health Services	
Law Enforcement	
Public Transport	

13. Updates

*Safe Waitakere Injury Prevention  
Board meeting minutes 10/12/03*

(a) **Violence Prevention: Under 5s (Appendix F)**

An OHT presentation was made to the Board by Margaret Devlin outlining the proposed process for this very important initiative in partnership with the Waitakere Safer Community Council Trust. A contractor, Megan Courtney, has begun work and the first meeting of the Advisory Committee was to be held the following morning.



(b) **Safety Through Environmental Design (Appendix G)\***

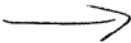
Rachael Trotman from Waitakere City Council provided an update on this project. She had met with WSCCT, Council, DIWN and now SWIP. DIWN would like a meeting with the key people involved. Following that it was hoped that Rachael would take the proposal to all the key units of Council. It was hoped to access budget in this financial year. All the elements would be brought together in one brief.

The main focus would be on public space such as roads, town centres and parks. The focus would be on what could be achieved by regulation and what by advocacy and other ways. The focus would need to be on what is 'do-able'. Henderson Town Centre would be a huge opportunity. A contractor would be hired for each of the three aspects and integrate their work into a strategic direction. The focus would be to get in early and design assets properly. Legislation, guidance, training and so forth would all be considered.

John Wren raised the matter of language. 'Barrer-Free' was difficult in the injury prevention context.

The process of consultation around this was highly commended. It was suggested that Robin Kearns (social geography) be contacted.

*It was recommended:*



- 1. That the consultation be commended*
- 2. That the Board support the work in principle very strongly*
- 3. That a small group (Nicole Devereaux, Moira McLeod, Nicole Bassett, Margaret Devlin) meet to further this report*

*Moved: Nicole Bassett  
Seconded: John Wren*

(c) **Wellbeing Summit**

There was some difference of opinion about the Wellbeing Summit with most people feeling it was of great value. There was also a view that the facilitation was unclear if attendees hadn't been involved beforehand.

(NB: SWIP will need to appoint a new representative. Our previous representative was Roz Sorensen.)

(d) **Presentation to WDHB**

Toni Dale made a presentation on behalf of Margaret Devlin who was in Wellington on the Committee date. The Board had agreed to our recommendation to investigate the viability of running a falls prevention programme at Waitakere Hospital. They will report back to their next meeting.