

STATE SERVICE ACT REFORM

Factsheet



New Zealand's Public Service belongs to you, the people of New Zealand. It's important it works for you.

The Public Service oversees our health and education systems, issues passports, keeps pests out, collects taxes, keeps our communities safe, protects our heritage and provides help for those in need.

Today's public service law was set up thirty years ago and improved the way individual departments worked for government and New Zealanders. But times change. New Zealand now needs departments to join up and work together more often, and be quicker and more flexible in how they change to meet new demands.

The Government is seeking your feedback on what changes could be made to create a better Public Service for a modern and ever-changing New Zealand.

The review of the State Sector Act 1988 aims to enable the Public Service to:

- deliver better outcomes and better services for New Zealanders
- be modern, agile and adaptive
- ensure its role in New Zealand's democratic form of government.

What the review is looking at:

- How a common purpose, principles and values can help unify all of our public services.
- How the Public Service can better support the relationship between Māori and the Crown.
- How we define New Zealand's Public Service.
- How the Public Service can better reflect the communities it serves by being more diverse, inclusive, skilled and effective.
- Options for how our public services can organise themselves differently to deliver better outcomes and services for New Zealanders.
- The role leadership plays in good public service.
- The information the Public Service can provide to support future government formation.
- If we need an *Aotearoa New Zealand Public Service Act*.

How to have your say:

All New Zealanders, including public servants, are encouraged to provide feedback on the State Sector Act Reform proposals. You can use our online submission tool www.havemysay.govt.nz, or write out your own submission and send it to the State Services Commission.

The closing date for submissions is 5pm, Friday 12 October 2018

You can:

- Email your submission to: submissions@havemysay.govt.nz

- Post it to: Submissions, State Services Commission, PO Box 329, Wellington 6140
- Complete an online submission at www.havemysay.govt.nz

We intend to publish all written submissions on the SSC website. Please note that all submissions are subject to the Official Information Act 1982, and that your submission may therefore be the subject of a request.

If you do not want your submission to be made public, please state this clearly, together with your reasons, and whether your objection relates to your whole submission or to a part or parts of it.

We will use any personal information you supply in the course of making your submission only in relation to the matters covered in this discussion paper. Please clearly indicate in your submission if you do not want your name to be included in any summary of submissions that we publish

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Consultation Period

Tuesday 4 September until Friday 12 October 2018.