This is the logo for the New Zealand Sign Language Board, also known as the NZSL Board. It depicts four colorful leaves, along with the Board's name. 


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# NZSL Strategy submission form

## Have your say

Your feedback on this draft strategy is important. You do not have to answer all of the questions. However, your feedback will help shape the final strategy, and support the NZSL Board to maintain and promote NZSL in Aotearoa New Zealand.

For more information about the consultation process, please go to [**https://www.nzsl.govt.nz**](https://www.nzsl.govt.nz) or contact: [**nzsl\_strategy@whaikaha.govt.nz**](mailto:nzsl_strategy@whaikaha.govt.nz)

## Submissions

Please send your submission to [**nzsl\_strategy@whaikaha.govt.nz**](mailto:nzsl_strategy@whaikaha.govt.nz)

The closing date for submissions is 2 June 2025.

## Official Information Act requirements

Under the Official Information Act 1982, anyone can request feedback from this consultation. If this happens, Whaikaha-Ministry of Disabled People officials would normally redact personal information (for example, your name and any contact details) and then release your feedback to the person who asked for it. If you feel there are good reasons to withhold your submission in its entirety, please clearly indicate these in your feedback.

## Background information about you

This submission was completed by:

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Organisation (if appropriate): Click or tap here to enter text.

Position (if appropriate): Click or tap here to enter text.

Are you submitting this:

as an individual?

on behalf of a group or organisation?

other? (please specify): Click or tap here to enter text.

If completing as an individual, do you consider yourself to be:

deaf / Deaf

hard of hearing

hearing

other? (please specify): Click or tap here to enter text.

If completing as an individual, do you work in any of the following capacities (tick as many as applicable)?

NZSL interpreter

NZSL translator

NZSL tutor or teacher

Deaf tutor or teacher

Other role that works primarily with deaf / Deaf or hard of hearing people (including Turi Māori)

If completing as an individual, do you consider yourself to be (tick as many as applicable):

New Zealand European / Pākehā

New Zealand Māori

Pacific / Pasifika

Asian

other? (please specify): Click or tap here to enter text.

If completing as an individual, do you identify as:

male

female

gender diverse

If completing on behalf of an organisation, does your organisation work with or support either or both of the following groups (tick as many as applicable):

deaf / Deaf or hard of hearing people generally

Turi Māori specifically

If completing on behalf of an organisation, does your organisation either work in or support the following roles (tick as many as applicable)?

NZSL interpreters

NZSL translators

NZSL tutors or teachers

Deaf tutors or teachers

Other role that works primarily with deaf / Deaf or hard of hearing people (including Turi Māori)

## Questions

1. Do you agree with the proposed vision and approach of the draft NZSL Strategy? How could these be improved? Please include the reasons for your answer

Yes

No

Comment: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Do you agree with the five strategic priority areas? How could these five strategic priority areas be improved? Please include the reasons for your answer

Yes

No

Comment: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Do you agree with the high-level actions set out under each of the strategic priority areas? Why / Why not?

Yes

No

Comment: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What other actions do you think could be included? Please include the reasons for your suggestions.

Comment: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What do government agencies need to consider when considering the draft NZSL Strategy to ensure what is delivered meets the needs of communities? Please include the reasons for your suggestions.

Comment: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Some actions will need to be led by communities – for instance, ensuring that Deaf people are included in community events. What do communities, in particular Deaf and Turi Māori communities, need to consider when implementing actions? Please include the reasons for your suggestions.

Comment: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What are the key barriers that you have experiences in accessing NZSL?

Comment: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What do you see as the most important areas that need the most urgent improvements?

Comment: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Finally, how will we know if the strategy has been successful?

Comment: Click or tap here to enter text.