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New Zealand Public Health and Disability Bill

Proposed amendments

Dr Lynda Scott, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 8

To add the following subclause:

(5) To avoid doubt, the New Zealand Disability Strategy must be focused on all issues, services, and programmes designed to support those with disabilities, and not any health or related issues that result from the aging process.

Clause 8A

To insert, after clause 8, the following clause:

- 8A New Zealand Older Persons Health Strategy
- (1) The relevant Minister must determine a strategy for older persons health services, called the New Zealand Older Persons Health Strategy, to provide the framework for the Government's overall direction of the older persons' support and services sector in improving such support services, and may amend or replace that strategy at any time.
- (2) Before determining the Older Persons Health Strategy, or amending or replacing any part of the strategy, the relevant Minister must consult any organisations and individuals the Minister considers appropriate.

Clause 51

To add the following subclauses:

(3) To act as agent for the Crown to the extent agreed by the Minister in writing in administering surplus hospital land transferred from DBHs under **section 112** (which itself amends sections 11A to 11H of the principal Act).

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- (4) Before disposing of any land administered by RHMU under **subsection (3)**, RHMU must undertake a full and appropriate consultation process with the community of interest relevant to the land in question.
- (5) As soon as practicable after giving any notice to RHMU under **subsection (3)**, the Minister must present a copy of the notice to the House of Representatives.

Explanatory note

The amendments to clause 8 and the new clause 8A make it clear that support services for the elderly form a different and separate stream of services from those provided to the general disability sector and should therefore be driven by a different and separate Older Persons Health Strategy.

The amendment to clause 51 makes RMHU the responsible body for administering and disposing of surplus DHB land and puts in place requirements for consultation for such land before disposal.