

## **WRLG Meeting 27 January 2026 – BrainTree 10am to 2pm**

### **1. Karakia and whanaungatanga**

Reps are encouraged to take turns doing the opening and closing karakia.

### **2. Next Steps 2026**

- WRLG have decided to be a sponsor of this
- WRLG, EGLC will have separate tables at the event
- Venue still not confirmed by council
- WRLG rep on planning committee agreed
- EGLC happy to provide staff as supports on the day

### **3. Total Mobility (TM)**

- Changes have been announced focused on cost however TM is a huge success for disabled people
- Consultation underway  
<https://www.transport.govt.nz/consultations/proposals-to-strengthen-total-mobility>
- Purpose of TM being 'redefined' from:  
"assist eligible people, with long term impairments to access appropriate transport to meet their daily needs and enhance their community participation."  
to  
"to provide subsidised mobility services to disabled people who are unable to access public transport because of an impairment, to support them to live their lives". No reference to EGL Vision or rights of disabled people
- Further changes have been proposed and are being consulted on. These include:
  - trip caps (potentially based on purpose of trip)
  - periodic reassessments
  - change in terminology from 'long term impairments' to 'disabled people' but definition for this unclear
  - Other options for transport et Uber, on demand, volunteer

- Everyone is encouraged to make a submission  
<https://accessiblesurveys.com/v2/7eMphoYqmKAllvYOsHpz?readaloud=true>
- WRLG will make a group submission

#### **4. Consistent use of terminology**

- WRLG is developing a guide to ensure consistent use of terminology
- Acknowledge that terminology use is dynamic and evolving for individuals and groups

#### **5. WRLG Communications update**

- Facebook numbers and engagement is growing
- Working to engage with younger members of our community

#### **6. DSS allocation and funding changes**

- Discussion around the role that WRLG have in ensuring our community is ready for this
- This includes meeting with LifeLinks in February

#### **7. Meeting end.**

Next meeting 24 February 2026