

Summary of meeting notes from Waitaha EGL Regional Leadership Group (WRLG) Monthly Meeting 10am to 2pm, 24 February 2026

1. Karakia and whanaungatanga

LifeLinks not able to attend this month. To reschedule

2. Total Mobility submission on change proposals. WRLG is working on a submission. Personal submissions also welcome.

<https://accessiblesurveys.com/v2/7eMphoYqmKAllvYOsHpz?readaloud=true>

3. Next Steps - WRLG are sponsoring Next Steps 2026 - Tuesday 25th August. Show Courts Parakiore.

4. Health Hui – Kathy O’Neill Te Whatu Ora/Health NZ and Grant Cleland (both on Disability Steering Group) would like to attend next WRLG meeting to follow up on the progress on the Health NZ Waitaha Work Plan

5. NEGL Update – WRLG have attended a meeting with other RLG’s and NEGL. Minister has approved NEGL becoming an independent entity and can now seek independent funding No longer minister advisory group or getting funding from the Crown but do have contracts with Whaikaha around training and advice.

6. Ministry of Health (HealthCERT) review of Ngā Paerewa (2021)

Ngā Paerewa – Health and Disability Services Standard 2021 (the standard providers are audited against. (SAMS)) is being reviewed by the Ministry of Health. Submissions are due 16 March 2026.

More information about Ngā Paerewa is available at:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/regulation-legislation/certification-of-health-care-services/services-standard>.

The outcome of this consultation questionnaire will inform the decision on whether to amend or replace Ngā Paerewa.

The consultation questionnaire is hosted on Citizen Space (<https://consult.health.govt.nz/healthcert/nga-paerewa-consultation-2026>),

Other organisations will be doing a response so WRLG will connect with them to discuss their response and potential endorsement.

7. WRLG Observances on Social Media – project underway to identify observance days that can be acknowledged on our social media. The purpose and what does success look like being developed. Recommendations will then be made.

8. WRLG Explainer

Developing a standard, simple way to explain the WRLG role (WHY).

Other outcomes will be a generic business card and other resources that use the headers Listen / Promote Self Determination / Amplify / Lead / Build Capacity to explain HOW we do our work.

9. Next Meeting

10am to 12pm, 31 March 2026 at BrainTree