

## Current Government Consultations: October 2018

- The Welfare Expert Advisory Group is consulting on the **future of the welfare system** (consultation closes 9 November). More information is available [here](#).
- The Government has released a discussion document on proposed standards to create warmer, drier rental homes (**the healthy homes standards**), following the passing of the Healthy Homes Guarantee Act in December 2017. A copy of the discussion document and a summary of the proposed standards are available [here](#). Submissions are open until 6pm on Monday 22 October 2018.
- The Government has announced a set of proposals aimed at **improving renting conditions**. The discussion document and a link to an online submission survey are available [here](#). Consultation closes at 5pm, 21 October 2018. **Other reforms to note**
- The Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector has announced a **review of the Charities Act 2005**, for more information click [here](#).
- The **Tax Working Group** has released its interim report. Final recommendations are due February 2019. For more information click [here](#).
- The **Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Bill** has had its first reading in Parliament. This Bill seeks to restore four aspects of community wellbeing in legislation (social, economic, environmental and cultural). For more information click [here](#).
- Formal submissions have closed for the **Government Inquiry into Mental Health and Addiction**. In a recent update the Inquiry thanked everyone who submitted, they received around 5500 submissions and over 2000 people attended 26 public meetings. They have now moved on to the deliberation stage, with their report due 31 October 2018. For more information click [here](#).
- The Government is considering the **establishment of a sector-level bargaining system**. This would enable unions and employers to develop **Fair Pay Agreements** that set minimum terms and conditions for all workers in an entire industry or occupation. The Government has established the Fair Pay Agreement Working Group to make recommendations on the design of this system. The Working Group is due to report back with its recommendations by November 2018. For more information click [here](#).
- The Government has announced a review of the **New Zealand Health and Disability Sector**. An interim report is due by July 2019, and a final report by 31 January 2020. For more information click [here](#).
- Treasury is working on a "**Living Standards Framework**" for policy. Consultation has closed on a proposed Living Standards Dashboard to support the application of the Living Standards Framework to policy issues. More information can be found [here](#).
- The Government is reviewing the **schooling system**. Consultation has closed and the taskforce appointed to carry out the review is due to report back by 9 November 2018. More information is [here](#).

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