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Chief Executive
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Tēnā koe Chris

Rare Disorders Strategy Implementation

Thank you for your correspondence of 10 September 2024 regarding the implementation of the Aotearoa New Zealand Rare Disorders Strategy (the Strategy). I appreciate you taking the time to write on behalf of Rare Disorders NZ.

As you are aware, Health New Zealand is currently undergoing a necessary organisational reset aimed at ensuring long-term sustainability and efficiency of healthcare delivery. Continuing to prioritise the provision of services for people and their whānau living with rare disorders remains a focus. Frontline services and local improvement efforts are continuing, and I encourage Rare Disorders NZ to continue working with these services to support your members.

The Strategy itself is a long-term plan, set over ten years, with a focus on gradual and sustainable improvements for people and their whānau living with rare disorders. I understand it has strong support among practitioners, service providers and communities, and I look forward to seeing the positive outcomes it will bring over time.

Thank you again for writing and for your ongoing advocacy. I wish you well.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Reti'.

Hon Dr Shane Reti
Minister of Health