



The purpose of DEANZ is to advance the education interests of the deaf and hearing impaired learners in New Zealand

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DEANZ has been created as a body that can bring everyone together to realize the Principles of the National Plan. There are 7 **DEANZ** Trust members who were nominated by all representative groups: Parents Federation, Deaf Association, Professional organisations (NZEI, PPTA, Advisers Assn, Teacher of Deaf Assn). There is a desire to have a team which is viewed as balanced, in terms of equity, skills and geographical location. Check the website www.deafed.org.nz for ongoing information.

As a charitable organisation the DEANZ Trustees shall use and apply the income and/or the capital of the Trust Fund for Charitable Purposes. Our tasks include:

- Monitoring & advising the government about how well it, and the service delivery agencies are doing for deaf families and learners
- Facilitating & leading the ongoing development for the National Plan for Deaf Education; a remarkable overall framework of vision and values that offers the possibility of enhanced learning outcomes for deaf learners.
- Doing or commissioning research into the needs of deaf & hearing impaired learner, and gathering high quality information to assist policy decisions.

The National Plan

Parents and families of deaf and hearing impaired learners, deaf people, the deaf education centres, Specialist Education Services and the Ministry of Education worked together to create *A National Plan for the education of deaf and hearing impaired learners in Aotearoa/New Zealand (2000)*. The National Plan includes the shared aspirations of all the member groups and defines a set of principles those groups wished to achieve. The National Plan seeks to establish an agreed framework and consultative structure which will ensure that services to all deaf and hearing impaired learners will be nationally integrated and equitable.

DEANZ will ensure that every child who is deaf in New Zealand receives an equitable, quality and effective education.