### Vision

**Older New Zealanders lead valued, connected and fulfilling lives**

### Guiding principles

- **Valuing people as they age**
- **Keeping people safe**
- **Recognising diversity and that everyone is unique**
- **Taking a whole-of-life and whānau-centred approach to ageing**
- **Taking collective responsibility to plan and act for later life**

### Key areas for action

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| Achieving financial security and economic participation | • Older people have an adequate standard of living  
• New Zealand is financially prepared for an ageing population  
• Older workers are treated fairly  
• Older people can work and those who can’t due to health or disability are supported | • People save earlier  
• Central and local government plan to respond to an ageing population  
• Employers consider and respond to impact of increased numbers of older workers  
• Workplaces provide flexible work environments and learning and development for older workers  
• Supplementary assistance available |
| Promoting healthy ageing and improving access to services | • People enter later life as fit and healthy as possible  
• People have equitable access to health and social services  
• A whānau-centred approach is taken to design and delivery (see also diversity below) | • People stay fit and healthy  
• Implement Healthy Ageing, Disability and Carers Strategies  
• Improve and better coordinate access to health and social services  
• Consider older people, diversity and flexibility when designing services  
• Recognise co-design and whānau centred partnership as important |
| Creating diverse housing choices and options | • People can age in place they call home, safely and where possible independently | • Functional affordable housing options that respond to diversity available with good access to public transport/services with tools available to help consider these  
• Universal design considered in new builds  
• Sufficient public and community housing  
• Support for homelessness  
• Older tenants adequately protected |
| Enhancing opportunities for participation and social connection | • As we age, we remain socially connected and actively participate in our communities  
• Reduce loneliness amongst older people  
• Older people valued and respected  
• Opportunities to contribute to society regardless of age  
• People supported to make choices and make decisions  
• As they age, people feel and are safe  
• Elder abuse and neglect reduced and people who experience it supported  
• People who do not use technology can still access services and be safe to do so  
• Volunteering is supported  
• Recognise the diversity of our older population | • Support people to plan for later life earlier including transitioning out of paid work  
• Accessible built environments and community spaces  
• Communities address loneliness and social isolation  
• Joined up approach across government  
• Ageism confronted and addressed  
• Older people contribute to and empowered to make decisions, and supported when they lose capacity  
• Improve uptake of Power of Attorney and Advance Care Planning  
• Focus on dealing with all aspects of elder abuse  
• Innovative technological solutions to help older people  
• Different ways to access government services considered  
• Volunteering - promote and address barriers  
• Ways to adapt to change including mastering new activities |
| Making environments accessible | • NZ communities, facilities, places and spaces are age-friendly and accessible  
• As we age we can easily and safely get to where we want to go | • Age-friendly Aotearoa implementation  
• Improved public transport  
• Footpaths, cycle lanes and crossings are safe  
• Transport options for those with disability |

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