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**To:** [IncomeInsurance](#)  
**Subject:** NZ Income Insurance Scheme Submission  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting this email to advise I do not support the NZ Income Insurance Scheme(NZIIS). While the contents of this submission may be published, I do not wish for any of my identifying details to be published- this includes but is not limited to my name/s, artist name and email address.

The NZIIS feels like a very overt way of telling welfare recipients that the people, the government of Aotearoa should only care about neurotypical & non-disabled people, people who are not guardians/caregivers or parents, people who have had the privilege of a straightforward path from birth to working age/health.

By creating this two-tier welfare system, and that is exactly what it is, you are denying all the ways that people are of value outside of capitalistic productivity. You are denying work that furthers culture and arts, work that raises and supports the next generation, work that keeps our planet from speeding any faster into collapse, work that provides the elderly with dignity and love long after they stop being of "physical value" to those who once had use for them.

You are denying the systemic racism within these institutions and industries that employ "fairly" but do not pay that way. Racism is too prevalent and ill fought for this IIS to work the way that those with good intentions hope for it to work. Nothing good comes from well-intentioned discrimination. Don't throw money away by creating a scheme that is unnecessary if you are doing the right thing in the first place.

The right thing to do is exactly what needs to be done immediately- make benefits liveable for all and buy yourselves time to make this scheme the best option for workers later.

You need to design and implement this in a way that ACC & MSD aren't the ones handling the day-to-day running of this scheme.

Both agencies have failed miserably in supporting people in their time of need, not just financially but culturally. Box ticking bureaucratic agencies wielding their power have left families, children and elderly, disabled and other vulnerable people in motels and temporary accommodation or on the street because their benefits, if they can even access all they are entitled to, are inadequate. The payments, some so easily clawed back, processes and waiting periods are all deliberately designed to show workers matter but people don't.

You also need to ensure that with any IIS paying workers who are facing health issues impeding their ability to work, don't feel punished if they do not heal as expected, whether to the standard of health they had previously or within the timeframe expected. You are ignoring the standard of care that varies due to ethnicity and body type and post code.

Lifting the benefit will look after all who needs it. It buys you time to see how the Māori Health Authority starts working for all of us, especially Māori who will not be served well by an IIS that doesn't address the inequity elsewhere including the health system first. The difference between what is paid through an IIS and the benefit is too great to ignore and BIPOC who are consistently underpaid in every industry will be most affected. Again, this shows that workers matter(some more than others) but once you can't work anymore,

you're not worthy.

And address the housing crisis first because incomes whether from the benefit or an insurance scheme will do nothing for the people and the economy if it's all going into some landlord's pocket. CGT now. Rent controls now. We the poor are the ones spending to keep the economy going so don't reward the rich with a bigger take for things that are a human necessity. There's too much at stake for this to go on and for you to think NZIIS will go any way to lessening the burden. It's a band aid of discrimination and nothing more.

Increase benefits first because if you don't and you move forward with the IIS, it will be exhaustively clear that the government hates its most needy and most vulnerable, the people they will happily exploit for votes but punch down on every other day. Change this and do the right thing- fulfill all WEAG recommendations promptly and in their entirety and bring benefits up to where they should be, taking into account the struggles we have now, well past when the WEAG advice was first presented.

The people of Aotearoa don't stand a chance at working in unity if those in charge are creating more ways to diminish and separate us. We have (unpaid) righteous work to do.

I appreciate the time taken to read this submission. Please do not take my faith in you for granted.

Finally, I am reiterating that I do not wish for any of my identifying details to be published- this includes but is not limited to my name/s, artist name and email address.

Kind regards,

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