



# Community Reference Group meeting notes

<b>Date</b>	13 December 2019
<b>Time</b>	11.15am -1.15pm
<b>Venue</b>	Christchurch Community House, 301 Tuam Street
<b>Attendees</b>	John Patterson, Tom McBrearty, Mel Bourke, Ken Pope, Evan Smith, Lucy D'Aeth, Garry Moore, Deon Swiggs, Dame Silvia Cartwright, Dallas Welch and Adair Bruorton (Secretariat) joined by other members of the Secretariat team  Apologies/Absent: Peter Beck, Cameron Preston, Leanne Curtis, Ali Jones
<b>Chair</b>	Dame Silvia Cartwright
<b>Minute taker</b>	Adair Bruorton

## Welcome and engagement update from the Inquiry Chair

- The Chair, Dame Silvia Cartwright welcomed members to this, the seventh and final meeting of the Community Reference Group (CRG). She also welcomed members of the Secretariat team who have supported her during the year.
- The purpose of this meeting was for the CRG to fulfil its terms of reference, by offering feedback on whether the findings, as outlined to them, reflected what have been most important for claimants and those who have advocated for and supported them; and identifying any outstanding issues that need to be considered.
- Dame Silvia updated members on the meetings and interviews undertaken since the CRG last met in August – details of which are on the Inquiry website, [What's Happening](#) page.
- In recent months, however, Dame Silvia explained that her time has mostly been taken up with preparing her draft report. She then gave a high-level view of what she has heard and learned from different parties and research. This was followed by table discussion.
- Dame Silvia outlined the next steps in the Inquiry process: for fairness, natural justice and fact checking only, EQC has been given a copy of the draft report to review, and similarly, specific sections have been sent to a small number of other parties identified in the report for limited review.
- Once the draft is finalised and Dame Silvia has completed her recommendations, she will present the report to the Government General before the end of March 2020. Hon Grant Robertson, Minister responsible for the EQC, will then table the report in Parliament as soon as practicable. Thereafter, the Government will consider the report and recommendations.

- The report will be accompanied by a comprehensive “What’s we’ve heard” companion document, so the voices of the people who participated in the Inquiry can be read alongside the report and recommendations.
- Dame Silvia closed by thanking the CRG members for their participation, which she describes as being pivotal in working on the best ways to communicate with the hundreds of people she has met and heard from, both in Christchurch, Canterbury and in other parts of New Zealand.