# To the Minister of Health

**We ask the Minister Health to instruct the Ethics Committees in New Zealand that:**

1. **Patients with spinal cord injury that confines them to a wheelchair have a right to participate in research trials of new approaches to treatment if they choose, and informed consent has been obtained.**

2. **Clinical trials of treatment should be approved where scientists and medical practitioners with appropriate expertise support the trials.**

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