



Social Investment Request for Information (RFI) from New Zealand's Treasury.

For the Sake of Our Children Trust recently completed a Social Investment Request for Information (RFI) from New Zealand's Treasury. The Government wants to improve the lives of New Zealanders most in need. In doing so, the Government wanted to know what we (the people of New Zealand – in this case - For the Sake of Our Children Trust) thought it could do to make the biggest difference for the hardest to reach children and their families.

The Treasury released a Request for Information inviting submissions from people who work with vulnerable New Zealanders and others whose input might help the Government invest to get better results.

For the Sake of Our Children Trust put through its submission 4 December focusing its response on

- Issues not currently being addressed that affect at-risk children and their families.
- New interventions, services or arrangements that could deliver better outcomes.

The Trust submission highlights the need for the Government to address the causes of child abuse and neglect, the decline in marriage, broken relationships within families and its long-term inter-generational effects on our children and families most at risk.

The ideal new arrangements were in the form of bold ground breaking social policy developments and welfare reforms required to deliver better outcomes and of course innovative housing solutions within our own communities.

Two other focus concerns of interest to the government included:

- Effective ways of identifying and engaging the children and families most at risk of poor education, criminal justice and employment outcomes.
- How existing services or support could be improved to deliver better outcomes for the most at-risk children and their families.

The ideas and information the Trust have submitted will be used by Government to identify where existing services can be improved, or where new local services can be trialed.

Initiatives could be funded through new spending or reprioritising existing spending in the Government's 2015 Budget.

If you wish to read the Trust's submission – a copy will be sent to you on request.