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## Page 2: About you

### Q1

Name of submission (organisation or individual)

Individual

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### Q2

Principal contact (Full name) (optional)

Jason Duncan

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## Page 3: Concepts used to guide the inquiry (see Chapter 2)

### Q6

Do you see any gaps in how we are thinking about wellbeing and persistent disadvantage? What are these gaps?

The massive elephant in the room of the continuing gap widening due to the extremely toxic and corrosive Neo Liberal Capitalism that is still rife withing New Zealand. The massive gaps in income equality and low wages that have been pretty much the same all my adult life. I am 50 and I have struggled to get paid my worth in New Zealand. I struggle to find work in New Zealand. I am too old, over experienced or not experienced enough. Magority of jobs I have applied for employers don't want to pay well. The massive gap in low wages and the outrageous cost of living gap. Rents are ridiculous. Food, utilities, petrol and more are way out of line with low wages. Social gaps where I am isolated, with no friends, no family, no community connections. I have struggled for years to find "my people" and communities but I've given up due to being outcast from already established nepotistic cliques unwilling to allow new people in.

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## Page 4: Measuring disadvantage (see Chapter 3)

## Q7

Is there any aspect of disadvantage or persistent disadvantage that has not been captured by our definitions and proposed measurement?

All three of the above points have been a persistent disadvantage for me for decades in New Zealand. I have struggled being on the outer, being left out of the Neo Liberal Capitalism society because I wasn't born into wealth (parents owning a home or two, secure jobs and family and social connections, safe and secure upbringing). I have most definitely been left out and struggled all my life trying to get ahead and fit in, with little to no success. New Zealand is a very conservative selfish and nepotistic because of Neo Liberal Capitalism that has uplifted the ladder for my generation to get ahead. I am deeply exhausted and feel hopeless because I'm still struggling just to survive day to day with no future ahead.

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Page 5: System barriers (see Chapter 5)

## Q8

Do the barriers we have identified match your experience? What would you add or remove?

100% agree on these points.

I do not trust either local or central governments due to the complete lack of clear and respectful use of rate payer and tax payer money for decades. Again Neo Liberal capitalism has eroded all infrastructure to such a state it has become intolerable to live in Auckland, yet I have to be here because there is little to no work elsewhere in New Zealand. All govt depts are out of date, far too cumbersome, too bloated, far too removed from the average person and have siloed themselves into thinking they are better than those they are supposed to represent, along with paying themselves far too much for the amount of waste of money they seem to keep wasting. I believe the govt is corrupt on many levels and need a completely overhaul to get up to the fast paced 21st century. I refused to vote in the Auckland mayoralty in protest as a vote of no confidence due to the nasty and creepy candidates that have nefarious agendas and do not speak honestly. I once believed in Jacinda when she promised so much and now I am completely disillusioned because they were all lies and little to nothing for the very real transformation that is desperately needed has not happened, mainly because the way the govt works is way outdated and unfit for purpose. Neo Liberal Capitalism has destroyed our country and left kiwis like me out to dry and left to fall through the cracks because I was born outside the stereotypical box that dictates how you have to be in order to thrive (not just survive) in New Zealand. I see no hope or future unless there is a complete overhaul to create a more inclusive and fairer society where the wealth is shared much more than it currently is. The haves vs the have nots are growing and the have nots like me are fed up with being screwed over. I have no house. Can't afford one. I have no savings. Don't earn enough to be able to put away for retirement. I don't see a future as I am 50 and getting older where good paying work for me is being taken by younger cheaper people. This is no way to live. This is New Zealand's dirty little secret. It's disgraceful.

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Page 6: System shifts (see Chapter 6)

## Q9

What do you think needs to be done to support these shifts and activate change? Is there anything missing?

100% agree with all these points.

And much more accountability of all people in govt both local and national. It blows my mind to see time after time elected officials make disastrous mistake costing taxpayer millions and millions of dollars time after time yet there are no ramifications for their costly mistakes. Any ordinary person outside of govt would be fired and probably sued so how come there is no accountability govt?

all the back handing nepotism of sub contractors rorting the tax payer because the govt sold off everything we need for infrastructure. I have seen first hand how much s9(2)(b) extorts from the taxpayer in all their roading jobs. They actively slow jobs down, they re do jobs that don't need doing, and they are laughing all the way to the bank. This is just one example and I beileve it across all sectors that suck off the teet of the govt and taxpayer. Millions and millions of dollars wasted where it could go into creating a much fairer and supportive society. Why do we still follow America and the UK model of society? Why can't we utilize a smaller more fairer society like the European countries that look after their citizens?

Fundamentally we need a complete overhaul of the current system. Get rid of Neo Liberal Capitalism. Stop paying govt salaries at ridiculous levels. Start sharing the wealth to make society fairer here for New Zealanders. Look after New Zealand first and stop being beholden to international markets.

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## Q10

Is there anything else, relevant to our inquiry, you would like to tell us as part of your submission?

I want to be productive, and a part of the community and society in New Zealand. I want to feel valued and respected for what I can offer in my work and my community around me. I want to see the govt actually be working for the people they represent, that tell the truth, are honest and transparent, mean what they say, and act effectively and efficiently that reflect the pace of the 21st century and beyond. I want to be respected and supported as I enter old age without the fear of being found dead, homeless in my car like that poor elderly l;lady that was found dead in her car , homeless, alone and forgotten in Renumera some time ago. Right now I have little hope and do not see a future for me. I wish euthanasia was legal and available here in New Zealand as I am at the point where I have had enough struggling so much just to survive, with no hope of actually being able to llive and thrive. I would rather be put to sleep than face the worsening struggle I see ahead of me as I become more elderly. We need change and fast. Please stop Neo Liberal Capitalism from continuing to destroy New Zealanders lives like mine.

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