



ISSUES

1. Billions have been spent on the health system without the results, therefore we need to analyze where the money is spent particularly on the front line that is doctors, nurses, and patients.
2. The unacceptable wait times to get into the Emergency Departments of hospitals. Recorded as high as 21 hours.
3. The unacceptable ramping of ambulances with untriaged patients trying to access the Emergency Departments of hospitals.
4. The number of New Zealanders waiting longer than the target 4 months for treatment or a first specialist appointment increased by more than 30% in 2022 – to reach over 75,000 by December.
5. The chronic shortages of nurses, doctors, and specialists are reaching a crisis point.
6. Releasing patients too early after medical treatment.
7. Life-saving Cancer and other drugs are not accessible to New Zealanders, yet they are in Australia. No bigger picture allowance has been made for the impact on the wider family members and the significant financial and social cost to the country.
8. Mental Health care in New Zealand is in crisis. Expensive Dental Care.
9. Poor diet is a leading cause of many serious illnesses.
10. Inequality in treating people.
11. Lack of facilities for disabled and physically changed people.
12. Lack of promotion or funding for natural health, holistic and traditional Maori health.
13. Because in NZ our whole system focus is drug based solutions which funds multinational drug companies.
14. Introducing Therapeutic products bill without consulting the industry.
15. NZ is the bottom of OECD countries when it comes to dispensing life saving medicines, therefore NZ is 3rd world in this regard. Pharmac is not supplying life saving drugs to patients which are readily available overseas.

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HEALTH POLICY

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SOLUTIONS

1. Reduce the unacceptable wait times to get into the Emergency Departments of hospitals, to 4 hours. Advertise the wait time targets and wait times bi-monthly.
2. Eliminate the unacceptable ramping of ambulances with untriaged patients trying to access the Emergency Departments of hospitals.
3. Significantly reduce the wait times for all surgery. Achieve this through better resourcing. Contract additional private specialists to reduce the wait time backlog.
4. Address the chronic shortages of nurses, doctors, and specialists by significantly training more health workers and recruiting health workers from overseas.
5. Treat every New Zealander equally. We are one.
6. 100% subsidy to help pay for immediate and essential dental treatment for all ages. We suggest **PPNZ Sugar Tax** to cover this subsidy.
7. More promotion on the importance of a healthy diet, sleep, and physical exercise.
8. Conduct an independent review of the Pharmac decision-making process.
9. Conduct a review of what needs to be done to bring Mental Health care up to an acceptable World standard. Develop a plan to undertake the work.
10. Greater awareness through education on a good diet. Clear away the raft of misinformation promoted by some commercial participants.
11. Promote natural treatment, holistic and traditional Maori medicine.
12. Review Therapeutic products bill.
13. More facilities for physically disabled people.



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