

### **Māori Party Alzheimers Policy:**

1. Support Alzheimer New Zealand's call to create navigators to help whānau access services and support they need.
2. Review the District Health Board funding formula to ensure adequate funding for equitable outcomes, and to address long term health issues related to aging population.
3. Support whānau to receive timely and appropriate advice in the 12-months post-diagnosis.
4. Review working conditions of workers supporting the elderly to ensure they receive adequate support.

Dementia is one of a number of health challenges that come with an aging population.

The Māori Party seeks to provide opportunities for whānau to take control of choices that impact their wellbeing. We seek to support initiatives that allow whānau to create wellness through an equitable and sustainable health system.

We acknowledge that long-term planning is needed now to ensure our whānau have adequate support by 2050, when the number of people with dementia is expected to almost triple to 170,000. Further, the number of Māori suffering from dementia is projected to almost double to 8 percent of overall population with public funding for dementia has more than doubling since 2008, from \$435.7m to \$1.1b in 2016. (source: [Dementia Economic Impact Report 2016](#))

In response to this, the Māori Party supports calls from Alzheimers New Zealand to:

1. Implement navigators to help whānau access support services;
2. Extend post-diagnostic supports, and;
3. Ensure the provision of good quality information is provided to whānau.

Further, the Māori Party supports a review of the District Health Board funding formula to ensure adequate funding for:

1. Equitable outcomes for all whānau;
2. Ensure whānau in the regions and other areas receive adequate support to help address issues related to an aging population.