



The New Zealand Sign Language Bill (B- Postscript)

Several issues arose as Samantha neared the initial deadline, making it necessary to delay the paper by about six weeks.

The first issue from discussions in the public sector concerned the proposal to have statutory principles implemented via the Disability Strategy. The proposed solution was to limit the Bill to the status of NZSL only.

The second late issue was a concern that Deaf people would get priority over other groups under the strategy, and thus, intra-disability group discrimination.

A final late issue arose from the Disabled Persons Assembly, concerned that NZSL is a language, not a disability, so that monitoring the Bill's provisions through the Disability Strategy might not be appropriate.

This teaching sequel to the case 2005-28.1 was written by Dr Amanda Wolf, Victoria University of Wellington. It is intended to be used in conjunction with that case and the teaching note 2005-28.1. The use of sequels and teaching notes is restricted to authorised academics and other accredited persons.

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