



## OZ KIWI MEDIA RELEASE

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### Oz Kiwi Canberra Meetings

The advocacy group Oz Kiwi will travel to Canberra on 7 and 8 November for meetings with senior Government Ministers:

- Minister of Home Affairs and Cyber Security Clare O'Neil
- Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs Andrew Giles
- Federal Treasurer Jim Chalmers.

The discussions will focus on the [current review](#) of New Zealanders rights in Australia, including a fair pathway to citizenship and access to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Oz Kiwi will also meet with the New Zealand High Commissioner to Australia Dame Annette King. The High Commission does a lot of advocacy work on behalf of New Zealanders living in Australia and Oz Kiwi thanks them for their endeavours.

### Review of the rights of New Zealanders in Australia

In July 2022 Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese committed to reviewing the rights of New Zealanders living in Australia, including the path to citizenship.

Prime Minister Albanese and New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern have stated the review will lead to positive reforms for Kiwis in Australia. The review's outcome will be known by ANZAC Day 2023. Source: [Joint statement by New Zealand and Australian Prime Ministers](#).

Last week's Australian Federal Budget allocated funding to prioritise processing the backlog of 11,700 New Zealand Stream 189 Visa applications left languishing by the former Morrison-led Coalition Government. Oz Kiwi Chair Joanne Cox is confident the review will have favourable outcomes:

*"Oz Kiwi is encouraged by the Australian Labor Government's commitment to a review of New Zealanders rights in Australia. The Ministers we are meeting with have advocated for Kiwis since 2015. Now they are in government they are working on a fairer pathway to Australian citizenship for them."*

Oz Kiwi is a not for profit group that has advocated since 2013 for a fair pathway to citizenship for New Zealanders living in Australia.

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