

NZ DIGITAL BILL OF RIGHTS

HUMAN RIGHTS DO NOT DISAPPEAR BECAUSE LIFE IS DIGITAL

Technology must serve people, not control them. These rights protect freedom, dignity, privacy, choice and human autonomy in the digital age.

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THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF THOUGHT

You have the right to the privacy of your thoughts and mental processes, free from technological intrusion or manipulation, and you cannot be penalised for what you think.

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THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND EXPRESSION

You have the right to seek, receive and share lawful information, ideas and opinions without improper interference or suppression.

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THE RIGHT TO HUMAN DIGNITY

You have the right to be treated as a human being - not merely as a data point, behavioural profile or automated outcome.

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THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE

You have the right to choose whether and how you engage with digital technologies, without being excluded from society for choosing non-digital alternatives.

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THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY

You have the right to privacy and control over your personal information and private communications.

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THE RIGHT TO IDENTITY

You have the right to control how you establish and disclose your identity. Digital Identity must remain voluntary, with genuine alternatives.

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THE RIGHT TO ANONYMITY AND PSEUDONYMITY

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THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM FROM UNREASONABLE SURVEILLANCE

You have the right to live free from unjustified digital monitoring, tracking, surveillance and profiling.

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THE RIGHT TO HUMAN DECISION-MAKING

You have the right to meaningful human oversight when automated systems make or influence important decisions about your life.

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THE RIGHT TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM

You have the right to choose lawful ways to pay and exchange, including access to cash, without financial systems being used as tools of social control.

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THE RIGHT TO BODILY AND BIOMETRIC INTEGRITY

You have the right to control your face, voice, fingerprints, DNA and other biological and biometric information.

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THE RIGHT TO TRANSPARENCY

You have the right to know when significant digital technologies affect you or influence decisions about you.

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THE RIGHT TO ACCOUNTABILITY

You have the right to challenge infringements of your digital rights, obtain an effective remedy and hold those exercising digital power accountable.

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THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN TO ENHANCED PROTECTION

Children have the same fundamental digital rights as everyone else, together with the right to enhanced protection of their privacy, development, education and wellbeing in digital environments.



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