

# The New Zealand Experience *with CRPD*



# Significant Events

- CRPD signed 30 March 2007
- CRPD ratified 25 September 2009

New Zealand has not progressed with the Optional Protocol

- State Report sent March 2011



# Convention Coalition

- 6 DPO's
- Funded by the government for project work only



Association of Blind  
Citizens of New Zealand  
Incorporated



Deaf Aotearoa  
New Zealand



DPA (NZ)



People First New  
Zealand Incorporated



Ngāti Kāpo  
O Aotearoa Inc

**Nga Hau E Wha**

# Convention Coalition Memorandum of Understanding

## Vision

DPO's unite to act at a high level to ensure there is leadership by disabled people to oversee the implementation of the UNCRPD

(and other disability rights treaties) within New Zealand. The Convention Coalition recognises the importance of sharing its work with the regional and global disability communities.

*Membership is principally for organisations that are governed by disabled people (as defined in Article 33 of the UNCRPD).*

# Convention Coalition Objective

- Coordinate an ethical mechanism for disabled peoples' input to monitoring of disability rights
- Development of the 'shadow' monitoring report and New Zealand government report from disabled peoples' organisations.



# *DRPI model* approach adopted

- Disability Rights Promotion International



- Holistic approach to disability rights monitoring which includes:
  - Individual experiences monitoring

# NZ State Report

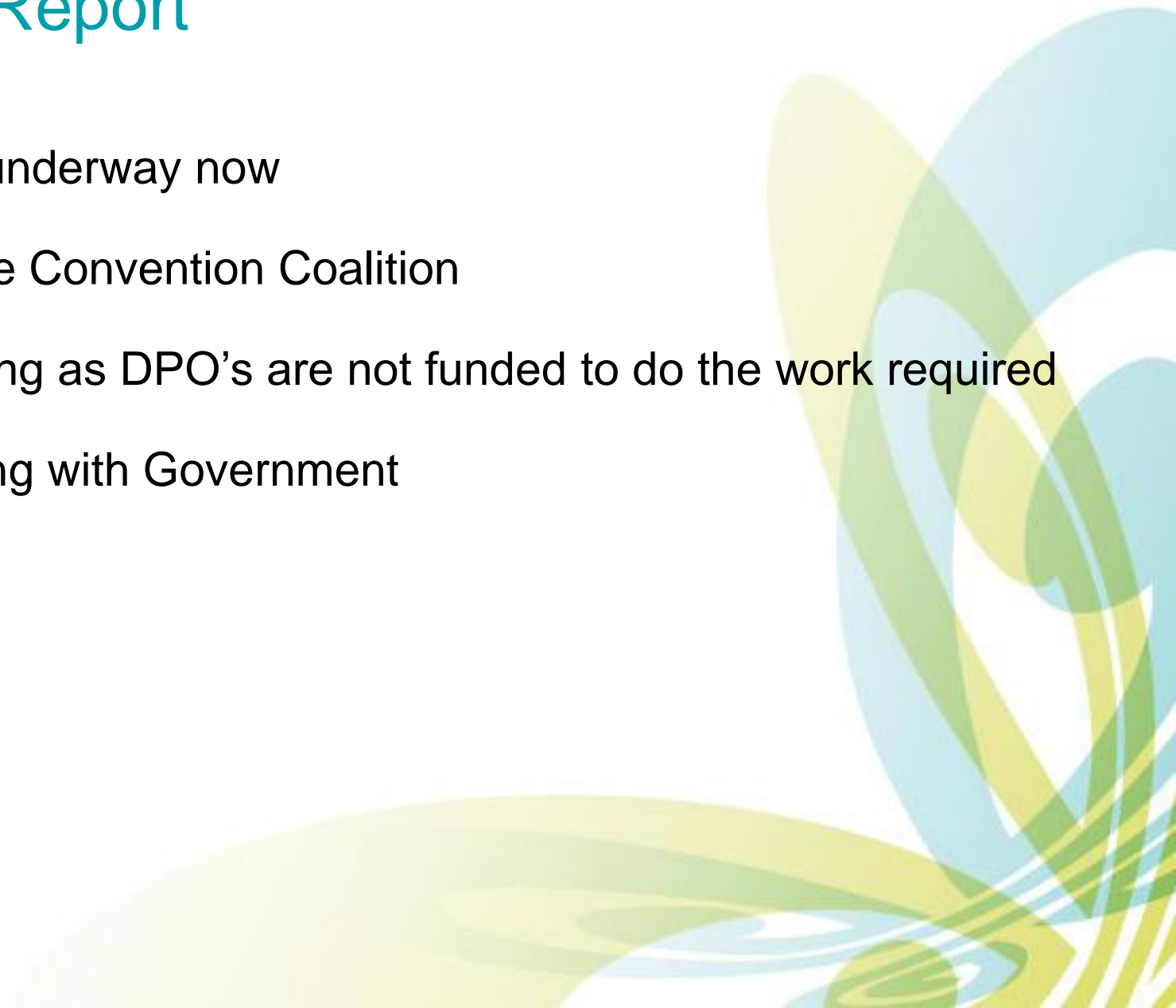
## Deaf Aotearoa

- Included in core email list
- Participated in forum discussions
- Reviewed the development of the report
- Provided feedback



# Parallel Report

- Process underway now
- Led by the Convention Coalition
- Challenging as DPO's are not funded to do the work required
- Negotiating with Government





# Other Positive Outcomes

- Convention Coalition members have a new understanding of one another
- New partnership relationships being built with the Ministry of Education
- Leadership taken on Employment Issues

*We all go together*



# Monitoring Partnerships

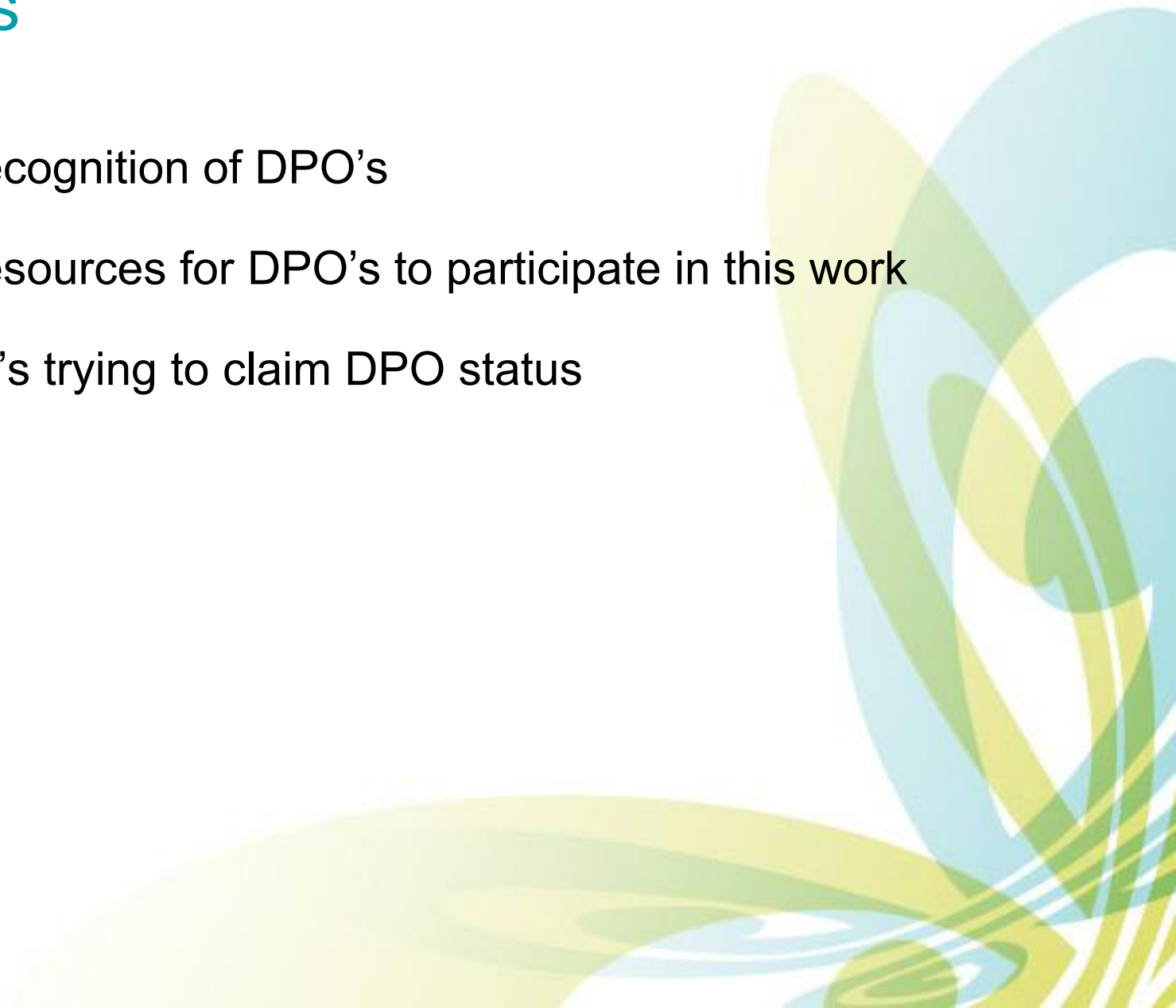
- Human Rights Institution
- Ombudsman Office
- Convention Coalition

Working together. Meet with Government together July 2011



# Setbacks

- Lack of recognition of DPO's
- Lack of resources for DPO's to participate in this work
- Non DPO's trying to claim DPO status

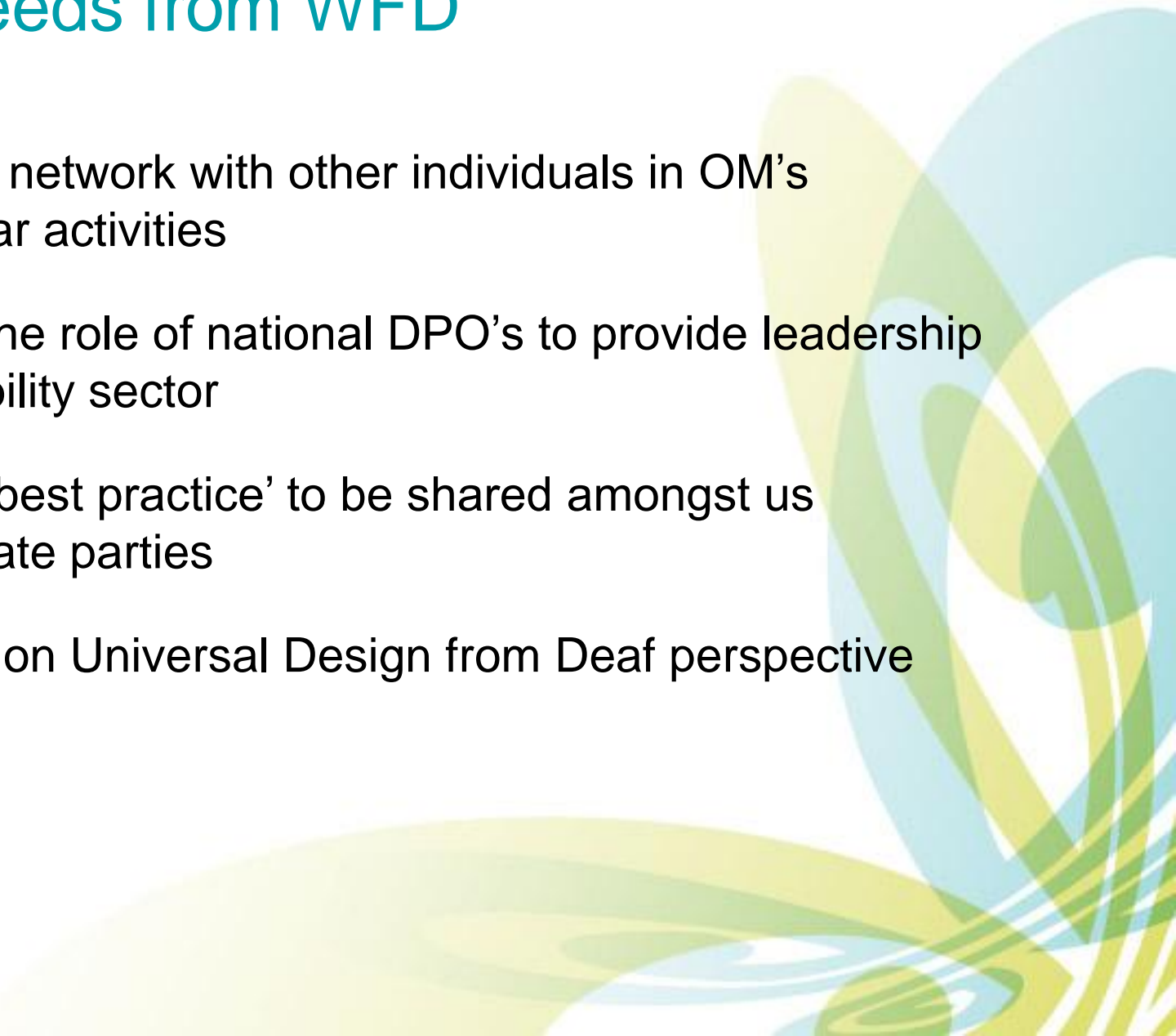


# Disappointments

- Government funded a 'new' organisation to champion accessibility (no DPO input)
- Government taking advice from individual disabled people not connected to a DPO



# Future Needs from WFD

- Establish a network with other individuals in OM's doing similar activities
  - Reinforce the role of national DPO's to provide leadership in the disability sector
  - Models of 'best practice' to be shared amongst us and with state parties
  - Resources on Universal Design from Deaf perspective
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