



24 May 2024

Kia ora koutou

Re: support letter for PNZ Board

I am writing this letter on behalf of the PNZ Athletes' Council to support the PNZ Board in the decision to have an Athlete Rep on the Board.

It is important to have Para athlete representatives on the Board and although this has worked by default in the past it is time to create a new structure that allows Para athlete representatives on the Board as a role.

The PNZ Athletes' Council meet with PNZ Board representatives on two occasions this year to hear about the consultation process and the proposed structure. Feedback was given and concerns were raised.

Will the Para athlete representative have a portfolio and voting right?

This is a wonderful change in the right direction. The PNZ Athletes' Council do not want to rush into any decisions as we want to look at longevity in the model chosen.

I was lucky enough to join an online PNZ Board meeting to see firsthand how the meetings were run and get a better insight on what potential Para athlete representative involvement might be like.

Although the PNZ Athletes' Council hasn't come up with a preferred model as such, we support the decision of the PNZ Board to go through the process to seek wider involvement from Para athletes and stakeholders.

We are excited to see how this is received from the wider group and I encourage you all to engage in the consultation process, have your say, be a part of these discussions and vote when the time comes.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Ellington".

Sarah Ellington
Chair, PNZ Athletes' Council