

# Design Guidance

## National Facility Design, Advisory and Assurance Team

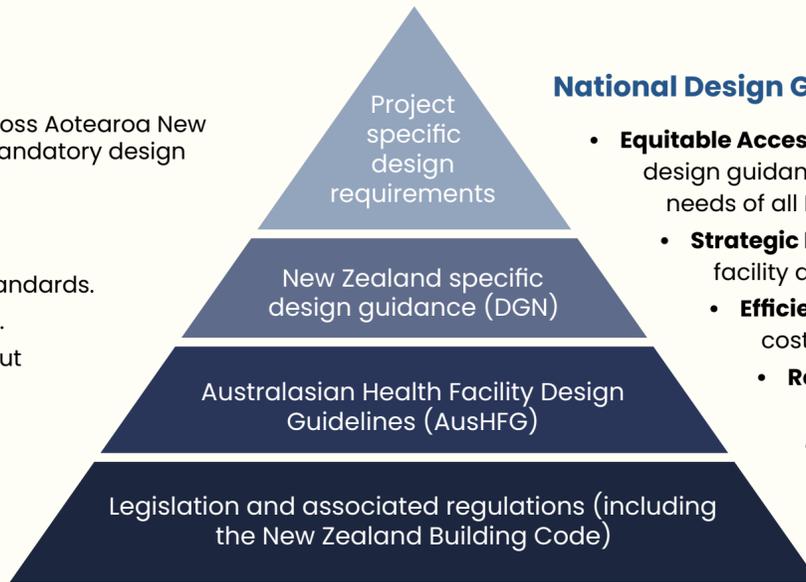
Crafting Excellence in Health Facility Design for Aotearoa New Zealand

### Our Mission:

Bring together the knowledge of experts from across Aotearoa New Zealand (NZ) to establish clear and consistent mandatory design expectations for our health facilities.

### Key Guidance:

- **The New Zealand DGN:** Our national design standards.
- **AusHFG Parts:** Best practices from Australasia.
- **Standard components:** Room layouts and fitout details, including Revit models and spatial benchmarking.
- **Health Planning Units:** Spatial design policies for modern care models.
- And more.



### National Design Guidance Benefits:

- **Equitable Access:** Guided by Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles, our design guidance ensures buildings accommodate the diverse needs of all New Zealanders.
- **Strategic Planning:** Supporting long-lasting, fit-for-purpose facility development and efficient master planning.
- **Efficiency:** Streamlining processes to reduce time and cost risks.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Aligning with New Zealand regulations, stakeholder input, and service plans.
- **Cost Estimation:** Project parameters provide early cost insights.
- **Risk Reduction:** Minimising project risks.

### Australasian Health Infrastructure Alliance (AHIA)

A public sector collaboration between Australia and NZ, and the custodian of the AusHFG.

### Australasian Health Facility Design Guidelines (AusHFG)

A collection of resources aiding health services and project teams in improving planning, design, procurement, and facility management. The AusHFG has been tried and tested across Australasia for over a decade.



### Design Guidance Note (DGN)

The DGN complements the AusHFG with NZ-specific guidance. Launched in 2022, it addresses the following areas:

- Meeting Te Pae Tata objectives.
- Kaupapa Māori considerations.
- Environmental sustainability
- Resilience and post-disaster planning.
- Adult Acute Mental Health Inpatient Units.

### Guidance Updates and Review

- **Continuous Improvement:** Our guidance is designed for ongoing enhancement, influenced by post-occupancy evaluations and lessons learned.
- **Routine Updates:** Every 3 - 5 years ensure guidance aligns with contemporary care models, efficiency, sustainability, and standards.
- **Responsive Review:** Reviews may be driven by user feedback, post-occupancy evaluations, and technological advancements.



### Expert Reference Groups (ERGs):

- During guidance review or development, subject matter experts participate in ERGs.
- Subject matter experts specialise in one (or more) of Clinical, Non-clinical, Whānau & Lived Experience, and Hospital/Specialist Services.
- NZ representation ensures alignment with local needs.

### User Feedback:

- Continually gathering insights from professionals, stakeholders, consumers, and other user groups.
- Enriching the depth and breadth of our guidance documents with diverse voices.

