



Application for core participant status

Fill in this form to apply to be a core participant.

There are notes below about how to fill in the form.

1. Your name (if you are applying on behalf of an organisation the names of the directors, trustees or office-bearers):

Brenda Pilott

On behalf of SSPA National Executive. The National Executive members are:
Dee-Ann Wolferstan, Chair
Judy Matai'a, Deputy Chair
Fiona Guy, Treasurer
Marihi Langford, Member
George Ngatai, Member
Victoria Newcombe, Member

2. Your status (are you applying on your own behalf, or for an organisation or body, or as a representative of a group):

Representative of Social Service Providers Aotearoa Inc
(National Manager of SSPA)

SSPA Organisation Number on Companies Register: 1210550
Charities registration number: 42895

3. Your contact details:

Address:

PO Box 12-114, Thorndon, Wellington 6144

Email: manager@sspa.org.nz

Phone: 027 430 6016

Your preferred way for the Royal Commission to contact you:

By email

4. Contact details of your lawyer (if you have one):

None



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5. Reason why you should be a core participant:

- **Why would it be desirable for you to be a core participant?**

SSPA is a peak body for child and family services approved under section 396 (and section 403) of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989. Members of SSPA have been providers of care services in the period the Inquiry is considering and are expecting to have engagement with the Royal Commission including being called to give evidence. SSPA is supporting its members to engage with the Royal Commission and can provide useful contextual advice to the Inquiry.

SSPA is an incorporated society and a registered charity, with a membership of over 200 provider organisations.

- **Describe your role in the subject matter of the Inquiry.**

As noted above, SSPA represents and supports members who have provided care services. Members may seek direct participation. SSPA's role is to provide an overview.

- **Provide details of any significant interest you have in a substantial aspect of the matters to which the Inquiry relates.**

Our involvement would be in relation to care provided by community or NGO organisations for children and young persons on behalf of the State, or where there have been direct referrals by families. Given the extent of NGO-provided care services, and the particular nature of such care, this will be of interest to the Inquiry. SSPA is well-placed to assist the Inquiry in this regard.

- **Do you think you may be subject to explicit or serious criticism during the Inquiry or in its report?**

Unlikely for SSPA as an entity, but SSPA members may well be subject to such criticism.

- **What other reasons are there for you to be made a core participant?**

SSPA plays a key role in promoting best practice (we are contracted by Oranga Tamariki and MSD for this purpose) and can assist the Inquiry to develop forward-focused guidance.

Signature:

Printed name: Brenda Pilott

Date: 17 July 2019