



SSPA Alert

SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS AOTEAROA. 22 March 2108

SSPA Alert is to tell you about current events and seek your ideas and feedback.

Special Alert for Social Workers

What's happening?

Social workers are asking the Minister of Social Development for a social worker scope of practice as part of mandatory registration.

SSPA supports the initiative by ANZASW encouraging social workers to write to Carmel Sepuloni, the Minister for Social Development, and express their support for a scope of practice to be established as part of registration.

In [our submission](#) to parliament, SSPA makes a very strong point that without the requirement for a scope of practice, the [Social Workers Registration Legislation Bill](#) will be seriously weakened and the risks associated with an unregulated profession will remain.

As the Bill stands, it would be possible for an employer to call a social work position something other than social worker in order to avoid the compliance costs and processes of registration. Social workers who are not registered will be disadvantaged in terms of their careers and earnings potential.

What you can do

Please see the attached letter.

You are welcome to sign and send this letter to Carmel Sepuloni, the Minister of Social Development. You can customise it if you wish. Or you may prefer to send the ANZASW letter if you are a member.

Please add your name, job title and signature to the letter.

The letter can be sent by freepost or emailed.

We would appreciate if it you would let us know when you send the letter – email manager@sspa.org.nz