

# How we are of service to you



## Enliven Disability has created a waka analogy that visually represents everything we do.

The image's outer shape is a reference to the vessel or **waka** which **holds the kaupapa and unique journey** for each tangata whaikaha (disabled person). The **central spiral references the disabled person**, and the **top koru represents a person's untapped potential and the journey ahead** together.

All of us have people that support us through life. The **side cut-out shapes are all those that assist a person on their journey**, the rowers or paddlers in their waka, and the collaborative approach and leadership qualities needed to paddle together in unison.

The **bottom koru spiral shape symbolises the steadfastness of the navigator of the waka** who keeps the waka on course and coordinates the paddlers to ensure the waka is going in the right direction. This could represent Enliven Disability who in some instances brings and holds together the different supports ensuring each is doing their part. Enliven Disability makes sure the journey is going in the right direction which is towards the person's full potential. Across our residential and community services we may play that role, or at other times we may be a supporting paddler for a person. Our role depends on each individual and their chosen support.

Our regular **waka hui meetings are led by the person and include all the people supporting in their waka**. This approach has changed a previously disjointed process to a person-directed experience where the person and their whānau can feel more engaged and clearly understand their role, as well as the role of other paddlers in a person's journey.

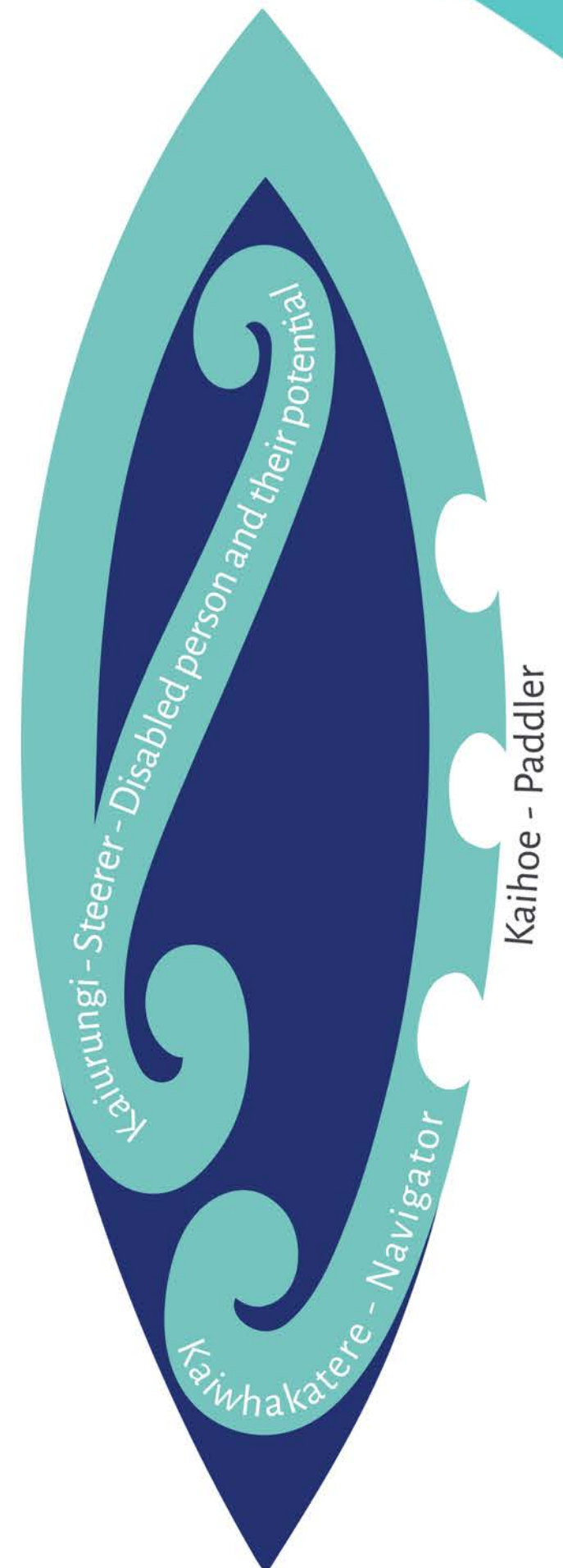


Image created by artist  
Tāwera Tahuri to  
represent the work of  
Enliven Disability