Appendix D:

# Criteria for National Assessment Service

The following criteria has been identified as key to the suitability of ākonga for a national assessment:

* Identified need by the team surrounding the ākonga, with ORS vision only ākonga a priority
* Diagnosis has been unable to be made or is unclear
* Mismatch of educational progress to expenctations of impact of visual condition
* Sudden vision loss
* Significant change in vision
* Complexity of vision needs and subsequent impact of these
* Challenges to accessing health services

## NAS Committee Membership

Senior Manager Assessment & Teaching Services

Coordinators Visual Resource Centres

Coordinator Immersion

Coordinator National Assessment

Coordinator DOM

Coordinator Homai Campus School

## Process:

* The National Assessment Service committee meets twice termly and discusses all full assessment referrals at those meetings.
* All referrals come through Resource Teachers Vision with permission from the family concerned.
* All pertinent information received is circulated to the members of the committee a few days before the meeting.
* If a referral is not accepted at the meeting, a request for further information will be sought from the referrer or an alternative suggested.