



## **Message to Body Positive New Zealand at the 2018 International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Service**

This year's theme for the memorial "Reflecting on our Past, Preparing for our Future" is particularly important after Pharmac announced funding for PrEP through the drug Truvada which provides protection to prevent HIV infection. The accessibility of this drug will significantly help reduce the prevalence of HIV in New Zealand.

Though HIV infection rates in New Zealand are low compared to other countries we've got to continue to do more. National supports the New Zealand AIDS Foundation's aspiration to make New Zealand HIV free by 2025.

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