**NEW ZEALAND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE**

**THE NZOC ATHLETES COMMISSION STRATEGY 2017-2020**

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| **MISSION** | Championing the voice of New Zealand Athletes within the Olympic and Commonwealth Games Movements |
| **SCOPE** | The Athletes Commission is established and maintained by the NZOC since 1988. The Athletes Commission supports the NZOC’s mission of enabling Athletes and teams to compete and excel on the world stage and to maximise the impact of the Olympic and Commonwealth sports movements in New Zealand. The Athletes Commission has a leading role to ensure the views of current New Zealand Olympic and Commonwealth Games Athletes are represented and heard within the NZOC. |
| **RESPONSIBILITIES** | **CHAMPION**Act as role models for Athletes | **EMPOWER**Encourage the development of Athlete aspirations and pathways | **REPRESENT**Ensure Athletes are effectively represented within the NZOC  | **LEAD**Ensure Athletes’ viewpoint remains at the heart of the NZOC’s decisions |
| **OBJECTIVES** | Increase the profile and impact of Athlete Commission activities with Athletes and within NZ sportPromote Olympic values and provide a public voice for Athletes, where appropriateDevelop and maintain links with athlete representative bodies such as the IOC, ONOC and WADA Athletes Commissions, NZ Players Association, and the Athletes Federation  | Develop an understanding of the holistic needs of Athletes in areas such as Games environments and educationSupport and encourage Athletes to pursue leadership opportunities in NZOC, in NZ sport and internationally, such as the IOC, CGF and WADAAdvocate for the athlete voice in National Federations | Create opportunities for Athletes to engage in discussions on relevant current issues and opportunities Develop communication strategies to enable consultation and input by Athletes on key issues and opportunitiesRepresent Athletes in key decisions on matters that directly impact them in Games time, personnel and polices etc | Run an effective Athlete’s Commission that motivates Athletes to participate in, and contribute to, the NZOC achieving its goalsNominate Athlete representatives to sit on NZOC Board, NZOC Committees, NZOC Commissions and other relevant external athlete organisations such as ONOC, CGF, WADA and IOCDevelop recommendations for NZOC Board, IOC Athletes Commission and other relevant organisations,  |

*\*Athlete for the purpose of this Framework means New Zealand Olympic and Commonwealth Games athletes*