

# The promotion and maintenance of NZSL

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# NEW ZEALAND SIGN LANGUAGE

*Official language 2006*

NZ Sign Language Bill  
**ABOUT  
TIME!!**  
Good on you NZ!!!





- by many people
- In home/many other domains

- By all generations (children!)



# A New Era in the Right to Sign

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Report of the New Zealand Sign Language Inquiry



## Human Rights Commission Inquiry



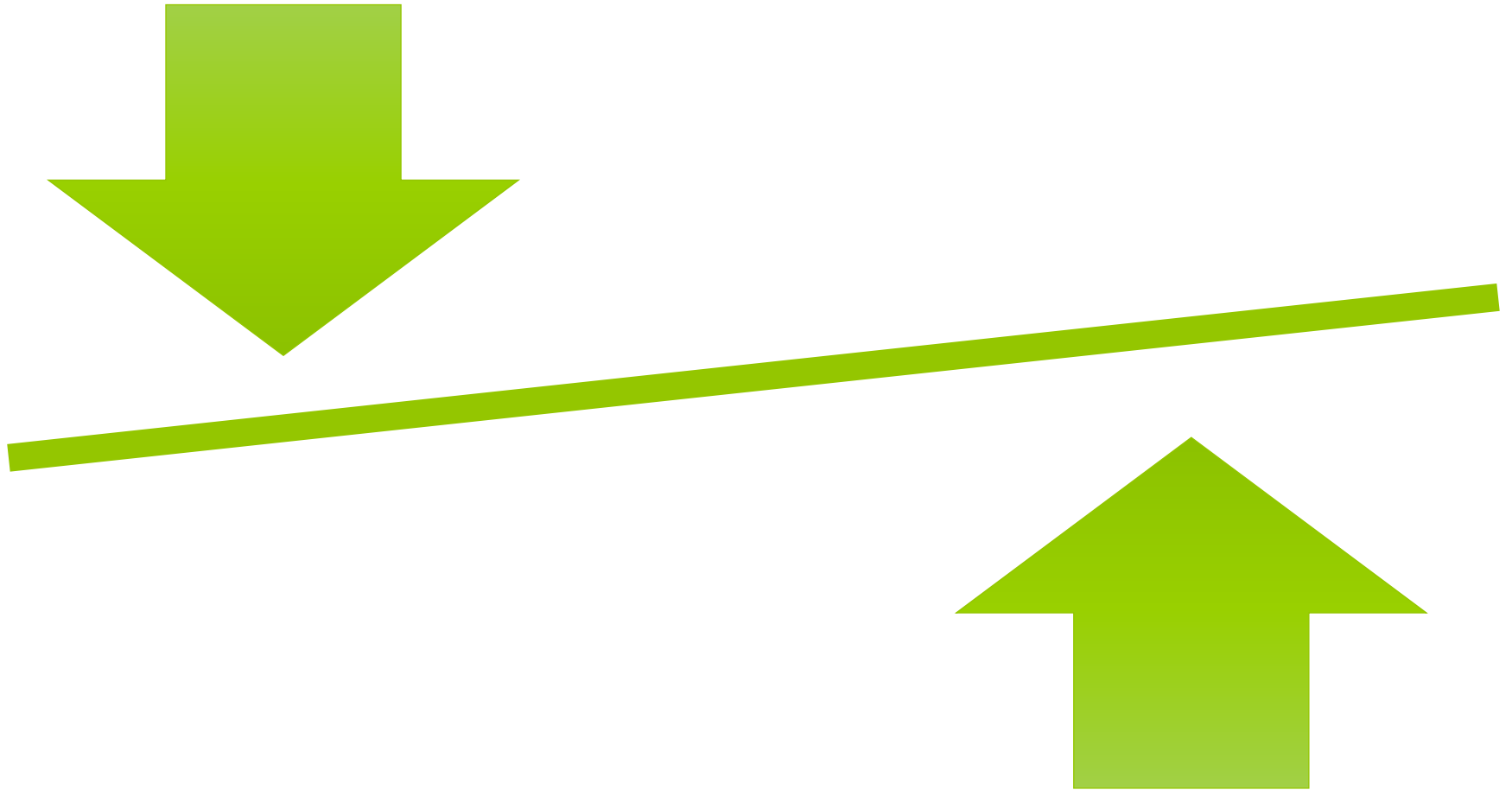




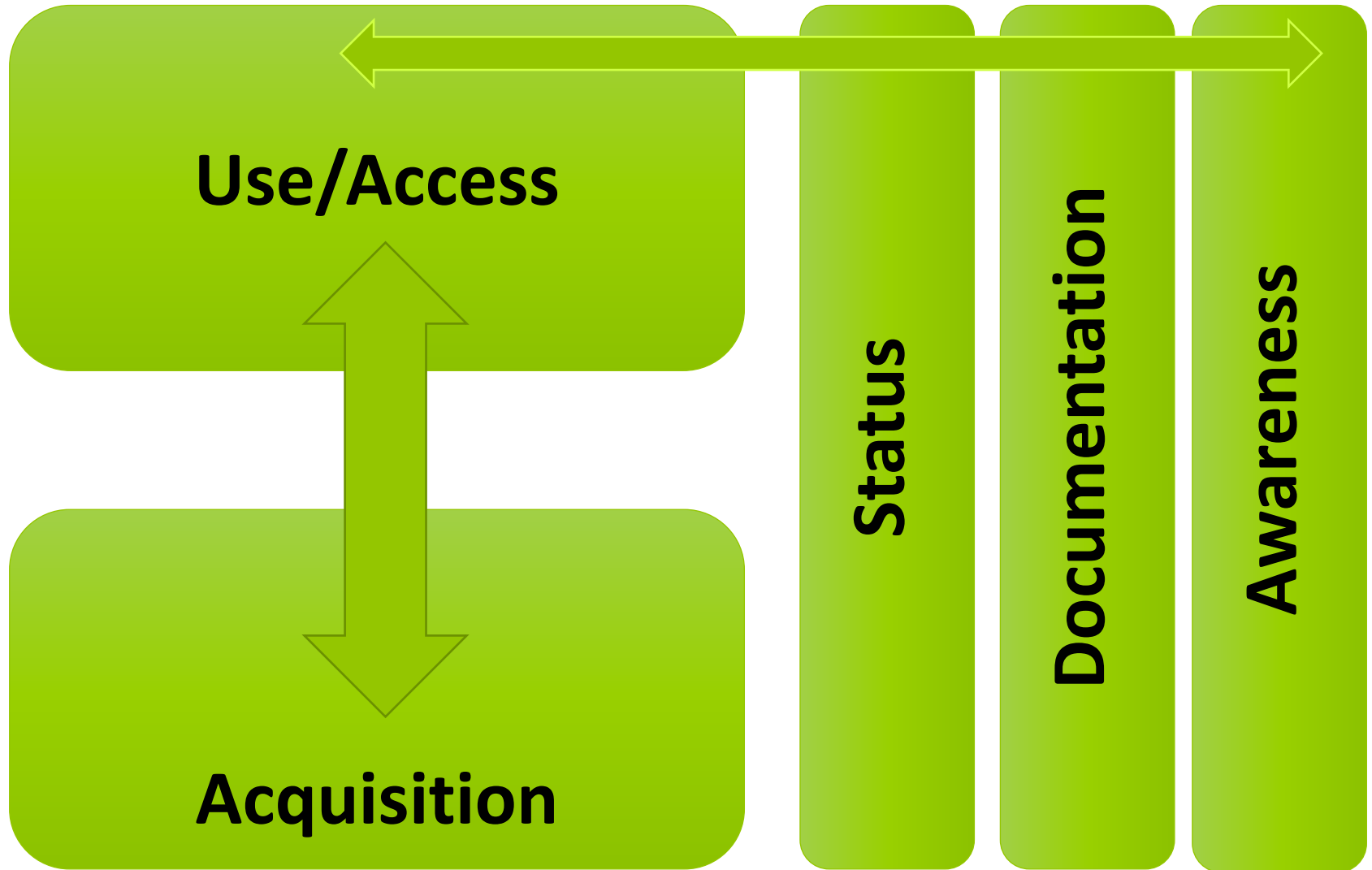
# NZSL?



# Language planning and policy



# Focus areas for language planning







**Acquisition**

**Children: 1<sup>st</sup> language,  
full proficiency**



**Acquisition**

**Adults:  
2<sup>nd</sup> language learning**



[illegible]

- **Use of NZSL in all domains**
- **Social equality = access to information/services**



## Status

**Recognition:** Law, policy, rights

**Planning:** Actions, resources, monitoring





## Documentation


- Dictionary, grammar, research, archives
  - Teaching & learning materials


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# Awareness

Awareness & tolerance of language  
Value & visibility of language





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