



## Wikitoria's story – video transcript

When my son was in intensive care, the question was, should he not come through, would I consider organ donation? For me there was really very little hesitation in saying yes, and that was for a number of reasons. My son was such a very giving person in this life, he gave just about everything and had nothing for himself, and if his organs could go to other people and give them a much better quality of life, I felt that that was my responsibility to do.

For our Māori culture, I know myself, it's a *tapu* thing, it's a taboo thing. You don't talk about it, you don't even consider thinking about it. We've got to get over that, we really have to move on and get over the taboo part of it. The more that we have the conversation about it, far better. And I also look at life this way, is that life is so very short and if we can give to other human beings and help to make a better quality of life for them, I'm in support of that.