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About the Workshop

New Zealand is one of the few countries this century to invite their citizens to review their nation's constitution. The New Zealand Government has invited feedback through a Constitutional Advisory Panel, of which the terms of reference can be seen [here](#).

The McGuinness Institute, a think tank independent of government, will bring together 50 young people, mostly in their twenties, to work together on what a constitution for the 21st century might look like. EmpowerNZ is a two-day workshop taking place on 28–29 August at Parliament's Banquet Hall in the Beehive. The workshop is specifically aimed at law and history students and young people engaged in youth networks. Participants will explore New Zealand's current constitutional arrangements, look at whether changes need to be made for the 21st century, and if so, what these changes might look like. Our aim is to put New Zealand in the room and workshop a key output, a draft constitution fit for the 21st century.

Purpose

The workshop aims to create a space in which young New Zealanders can explore the future of this country's constitution and contribute to the current review of constitutional issues. The purpose is to facilitate a prescription-free exploration, creating an opportunity to treat the constitution as a blank canvas.

Participants will be free to discuss any issues that they consider of importance; the focus of the workshop will be open-minded, outside-the-box thinking. Attendees will not be limited or constrained by previous ideas about what a constitution needs to look like or the terms of reference for the current constitutional review. They will instead be encouraged to consider the question of what New Zealanders need, constitutionally, for the coming century – leaving open the possibility of reframing what our constitution might look like. Further, while the workshop aims to produce a written draft of a constitution before 6.00pm on the second day, this is not to suggest that a constitution for New Zealand should necessarily be a written one. New Zealand's constitution is currently uncodified, meaning that unlike most states that have a single written document, New Zealand's constitution is currently contained in several sources, both written and unwritten.

Background

The Institute believes that the review of constitutional issues is a rare opportunity to shape the long-term future of New Zealand and requires wide public engagement, particularly with young New Zealanders. The first stage of the Institute's project was the launch of the website: EmpowerNZ: [Building a Constitution for the 21st Century](#) in November 2011. The second stage is to run this following workshop: [EmpowerNZ: Drafting a constitution for the 21st Century](#). This workshop has been developed in collaboration with the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, and in particular with the museum's Director of Collections and Research, Dame Claudia Orange.

The Institute's project, EmpowerNZ, will follow the constitutional review process through to its conclusion, which we expect to be in 2014.

Output

There will be nine primary outputs from the event:

1. Fifty young New Zealanders gain additional expertise on New Zealand's current constitutional arrangements and develop a range of ideas as to what a constitution fit for the 21st century might look like.
2. Eight expert facilitators gain additional insights, through both the facilitation process and through working with other experts, on what a range of New Zealanders think about our current constitutional status and how it might be improved.
3. A process is developed, including the production of preliminary resources and group exercises, which could be applied by other organisations throughout the country.
4. A playlist of all key speakers will be made available on YouTube.
5. The workshop will also create a nationwide network of young New Zealanders, including not only the participants and facilitators, but those that attend the finale, watch the video clips, read the resources, engage with social media and read the draft constitution.
6. A draft constitution prepared by participants and presented at the conclusion of the event.
7. A short documentary about the process and the finale will also be placed on YouTube.
8. A two-page think piece, written by the Institute, on the instruments that could strengthen our constitutional framework.
9. An academic paper written by Dean Knight, in collaboration with the other facilitators, outlining in more detail the ideas discussed over the duration of the workshop.

Outcome

We hope that the long-term outcome will be a wider and deeper discussion of constitutional issues and that this will permeate through youth networks, law schools, universities and those involved with the constitutional review over the coming 18 months.

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Twitter: The workshop will be tweeted live over the two days from the McGuinness Institute Twitter account @McGIInstitute, using the tag #EmpowerNZ.

Quick Facts

- EmpowerNZ: Drafting a Constitution for the 21st Century Workshop
- Date: 28-29 August 2012
- Location: Beehive Reception Hall, Parliament
- EmpowerNZ is hosted by MP Paul Goldsmith
- EmpowerNZ is administered, run and funded by the McGuinness Institute
- EmpowerNZ follows on from StrategyNZ: Mapping our Future, an event held in March 2011 by the McGuinness Institute that involved over 100 participants mapping their vision for New Zealand's future
- EmpowerNZ is part of the McGuinness Institute's Project Constitutional Review, established following the 2010 announcement by Hon Bill English and Hon Pita Sharples of a wide-ranging constitutional review
- The workshop will be facilitated by a team of legal scholars and practitioners led by Victoria University of Wellington's Senior Lecturer in Law, Dean Knight
- The workshop will bring together 50 young people to explore the future of New Zealand's constitution by drafting a constitution suitable for the 21st century
- Each university is represented by at least one student
- Some participants are from the university of life
- Participants will come from all over New Zealand, primarily from law schools, history departments and youth and civic networks
- The aim is to get New Zealand in the room
- Participants will attend for free and have agreed to 'pay it forward' through 10 hours of voluntary service over the following 18 months, creating 500 additional voluntary hours of service to New Zealand in the next 18 months
- New Zealand's constitution is currently uncodified, meaning that unlike most states that have a single written document, New Zealand's constitution is contained in numerous sources, both written and unwritten¹
- The workshop will include a keynote address from New Zealand's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Hon Jim McLay
- Other speakers will include Emeritus Professor John Burrows QC, Mai Chen, Hon Peter Dunne, Professor Philip Joseph, Dame Dr Claudia Orange and Sir Tipene O'Regan
- A cross-party reference panel consisting of Te Ururoa Flavell (Māori Party), Charles Chauvel (Labour Party), Metiria Turei (Green Party), and Paul Goldsmith (National Party) will discuss with participants New Zealand's current constitution as described in the 2008 Cabinet Manual
- EmpowerNZ will close with a Finale at the Beehive Reception Hall from 6pm on 29 August at which participants and facilitators will present a constitution fit for the 21st century to ambassadors, MPs, members of the Constitutional Advisory Panel and other invited guests
- Speeches and presentations will be filmed and made available online in the weeks following the event

¹ To learn more please see (i) the Department of the Prime Minister Cabinet Manual 2008 (pages 1-6) from <http://cabinetmanual.cabinetoffice.govt.nz/node/68> and (ii) the House of Representatives Inquiry to review New Zealand's existing constitutional arrangements 2005 (pages 83-85) from http://www.elections.org.nz/files/constitutional_review_2005.pdf

Key Links

New Zealand's current constitution

- 2008 – Cabinet Manual ‘On the Constitution of New Zealand: An Introduction to the Foundations of the Current Form of Government’ by the Rt Hon Sir Kenneth Keith, 1990, updated 2008, see <http://cabinetmanual.cabinetoffice.govt.nz/node/68>

About the constitutional review

- August 2012 – McGuinness Institute Press Release ‘Fifty Young People Gather at Parliament to Draft a Constitution for the 21st Century, see http://www.mcguinnessinstitute.org/Site/Publications/Media_Releases/Media_Release_27_August_2012.aspx
- June 2012 – McGuinness Institute Working Paper 2012/01 ‘The State of the Constitutional Review as at June 2012’, see <http://mcguinnessinstitute.org/includes/download.aspx?ID=122562>
- May 2012 – Constitutional Advisory Panel releases ‘Engagement Strategy for the Consideration of Constitutional Issues’, see <http://www2.justice.govt.nz/cap-interim/documents/strategy.pdf>
- 18 June 2012 – McGuinness Institute Press Release ‘A Workshop Drafting a Constitution for the 21st Century’, see http://mcguinnessinstitute.org/Site/Publications/Media_Releases/Media_Release_18_June_2012.aspx
- 11 November 2011 – McGuinness Institute Press Release ‘Time to Treat our Constitution as a Blank Canvas’, see http://mcguinnessinstitute.org/Site/Publications/Media_Releases/Media_Release_16_November_2011.aspx
- 4 August 2011 – Constitutional Advisory Panel named, see <http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/constitutional-advisory-panel-named>
- 8 December 2010 – Govt begins cross-party constitutional review, see <http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/govt-begins-cross-party-constitutional-review>
- 6 December 2010 – Cabinet minute: ‘Consideration of Constitutional Issues’, see <http://www.justice.govt.nz/policy/constitutional-law-and-human-rights/consideration-of-constitutional-issues-1/d/Cabinet%20paper%20and%20minute%206%20Dec%202010.pdf>

Additional resources

A more detailed timeline and additional resources can be found at www.EmpowerNZ.org, which is an initiative of the McGuinness Institute www.mcguinnessinstitute.org.

About the McGuinness Institute



MCGUINNESS INSTITUTE

McGuinness Institute

A non-partisan think tank working towards a sustainable future, contributing strategic foresight through evidence-based research and policy analysis. The Institute was founded in 2004 by Wendy McGuinness in response to the lack of independent research organisations with a long-term perspective in New Zealand. The Institute has a number of on-going projects, including Project 2058, which builds towards a National Sustainable Development Strategy for New Zealand.



Wendy McGuinness | Chief Executive

Wendy McGuinness is the founder and Chief Executive of the McGuinness Institute. Originally from the King Country, she studied at Manukau Technical Institute (MIT) (gaining an NZCC), Auckland University (BCom) and Otago University (MBA), as well as completing additional environmental papers at Massey University and an executive course at Harvard, Boston in 2010.

In 1988 she prepared a major report for Treasury aimed at moving the public service from cash to accrual accounting. In 2009 she was recognised by her profession as having given outstanding service to the profession through becoming a Fellow Chartered Accountant (FCA).

In recent years she has become increasingly interested in long-term thinking and how it might best be embedded in the institutions and instruments that exist within current frameworks and how we might develop new tools and modes of teaching that might empower current generations to engage more proactively in our country's future.

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<http://mcguinnessinstitute.org/Site/About/default.aspx>

McGuinness Institute – Frequently Asked Questions

<http://mcguinnessinstituteblog.org/about-us/#Q1>

Speakers at EmpowerNZ Workshop



MP Paul Goldsmith | Member of Parliament, National Party

Paul Goldsmith is a National Party List MP, Deputy Chair of the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee and a Member of the Local Government and Environment Select Committee. He holds a Master of Arts in History from the University of Auckland. After working in Parliament as a speech writer and press secretary for three Cabinet ministers, he was a senior consultant for a major Auckland public affairs consultancy. Since 2003 he has built his own business, operating as a business historian and biographer. He has written widely about our country's history, the development of its economy, and its place in the world. In 2007 he was elected an Auckland City Councillor. As a first-term councillor, he was made chair of the Community Services Committee, one of the council's five major committees. He was also deputy chair of the Finance Committee.



Hon Jim McLay | New Zealand Permanent Representative to the United Nations (Keynote Address)

Honourable Jim McLay is currently the New Zealand Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York. Participants and other invited guests will be extremely fortunate to hear Jim speak on New Zealand's last constitutional crisis and reflect on why a constitution is important for New Zealand's future.

Jim practised as a barrister before being elected as a Member of the New Zealand Parliament in 1975. Until his retirement from politics in 1987 he held, at various times, the positions of Deputy Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Attorney General and Minister of Justice. He received the Queen's Service Order (QSO) for public services (1987) and was made a Companion of the Order of New Zealand (CNZM) for services to conservation (2003).

From 1993 to 2003, Jim was New Zealand Commissioner on the International Whaling Commission; serving three years as Chair of its Finance and Administration Committee (responsible for budget and related issues) and a member of its Advisory Committee (which advises the Commission's Chair and Secretary). He was formerly a member of the Humane Society of United States' International Council of Advisers. He has chaired New Zealand government public policy reviews of wholesale electricity markets, defence funding and financial management, and reform of road funding and management; and also participated in two reviews of New Zealand's accident compensation scheme.

Jim was founder Chair of the New Zealand Council for Infrastructure Development (and, subsequently, its Patron), Honorary New Zealand Chair of the Trans Tasman Business Circle and a New Zealand delegate to the Australian New Zealand Leadership Forum, focussed on the development

of a Single Economic Market (SEM) between two countries (and was, for several years, a member of the Forum's New Zealand Steering Committee). From 1998 to 2009, he was Convenor/Chair of the Project Manukau Audit Group, responsible for the environmental and resource management audit of Auckland's Mangere Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Prior to his move to New York, Jim was Executive Chair of Macquarie Group Holdings New Zealand Limited (subsidiary of Macquarie Group, Australia), Chair of Goodman (NZ) Limited (manager of the publicly-listed Goodman Property Trust), Chair of publicly-listed MetLifecare Limited and Just Water International Limited; and was previously a director of several other companies (including Motor Race New Zealand Limited, Neuren Limited and Evergreen Forests Limited) and Chairman of Pharmacybrands Limited.

Emeritus Professor John Burrows | Co-Chair of the Constitutional Advisory Panel



Professor Burrows, co-chair of the Constitutional Advisory Panel, has had an extensive and prestigious legal career. He has written a leading text on statute law in New Zealand. He has also written on media law and contract law in New Zealand and has contributed to books on tort law and commercial law. Appointed a Law Commissioner in 2007 he led or jointly led Law Commission reviews of the Presentation of New Zealand Statute Law, Privacy, the Official Information Act 1982, Tribunals in New Zealand, and Private Schools and the Law. Professor Burrows was Professor of Law at the University of Canterbury for some 30 years, and served on the Law Commission from 2007. As a barrister of the High Court he specialised in opinion work, and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2005.

MP Charles Chauvel | Member of Parliament, Labour Party



Charles Chauvel is the Shadow Attorney-General, the New Zealand Labour Party's Spokesperson for the Justice sector (including the Ministry of Justice, the Departments of Courts and Corrections, and the Crown Law Office), and its spokesperson on Arts, Culture & Heritage. Since 2008 he has chaired Parliament's Regulations Review Committee and between 2008 and 2011 he chaired its Privileges Committee. First entering Parliament in 2006, he was the first – and is to date the only – person of Pacific ancestry to have served on the front bench of a major political party in New Zealand. Prior to becoming a Member of Parliament Charles was a Crown Counsel in the Crown Law Office before becoming a partner at the Minter Ellison Legal Group. Charles is a member of the Republican Movement of Aotearoa New Zealand and in 2010 introduced a members Bill for a consultative commission followed by a referendum on the New Zealand flag.



Mai Chen | Chen Palmer Public Law Specialists, Barristers and Solicitors

Mai Chen is a founding partner of Chen Palmer New Zealand Public Law Specialists, Barristers and Solicitors, which has won best Public Law Firm in the New Zealand Law Awards for the past five years and best boutique law firm in 2010. In March 2012 she published best-selling book Public Law Toolbox, an indispensable resource for those serious about successfully solving problems with and within Government. Mai Chen is a Professor (adjunct) in Commercial and Public Law at the University of Auckland Business School and was formerly a senior lecturer in the Law Faculty at Victoria University of Wellington. She has sat on a number of high-profile boards and foundations in New Zealand, including the Securities Commission and was the inaugural chair of NZ Global Women. She has previously chaired ministerial reviews into the Privacy Act and the policy concerning Women in Combat under the Human Rights Act.



Hon Peter Dunne | Member of Parliament, United Future Party

Hon Peter Dunne is the leader of the United Future Party and is currently a Minister outside Cabinet in the National-led Government. He has been a Member of Parliament since 1984 and has held a range of portfolios during this time, including Minister of Regional Development, Minister of Internal Affairs, Associate Minister for the Environment and Associate Minister of Justice. Peter Dunne has been the Minister of Revenue and Associate Minister of Health since October 2005 and after the following year's general election he was also appointed Associate Minister of Conservation. From December 2004 to August 2005 he was Chairperson of the Constitutional Arrangements Select Committee established to review New Zealand's constitutional arrangements. The Committee's report identified events of significant development in New Zealand's constitution since 1835 and made three recommendations aimed at improving wider public engagement and understanding of constitutional issues.



MP Te Ururoa Flavell | Member of Parliament, Māori Party

Te Ururoa Flavell belongs to the Ngati Rangiwewehi and Ngapuhi iwi. He was first elected to the House of Representatives as a Māori Party Member of Parliament in September 2005 for the Electorate of Waiariki and was re-elected in the 2008 and 2011 General Elections. Te Ururoa is currently the Māori Party Chief Whip, Deputy Chair of the Māori Affairs Select Committee, Member of the Parliamentary Business Committee and Member of the Parliamentary Standing Orders Select Committee. Prior to becoming an MP, Te Ururoa worked in education, holding leadership positions at all levels of the education sector. He has been a teacher, school principal, CEO of Whare Wananga, and an education consultant. Throughout this time he has been involved in education programmes about Te Tiriti o Waitangi and is deeply involved in the settlements process on behalf of his own iwi and Te Arawa whanui. Te Ururoa is a long standing supporter of the Maori civil rights movement.



Professor Philip Joseph | Public Law Lecturer, University of Canterbury School of Law

Widely considered to be New Zealand’s leading constitutional scholar, Professor Philip Joseph is an Associate Dean at the University of Canterbury School of Law. Professor Joseph has written the leading text on New Zealand’s constitutional arrangements, *Constitutional and Administrative Law in New Zealand*, and has published widely in this field. He is a member of the editorial advisory board of the *New Zealand Journal of Public and International Law* (Wellington), and a contributing editor to the *New Zealand Law Review*. In 2004, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws in recognition of his research contributions in public law. Professor Joseph is also a consultant to the law firm Russell McVeagh, and has undertaken advisory work for government departments, public bodies, and parliamentary select committees. Professor Joseph will be discussing the critical elements that make up a constitution.



Dame Dr Claudia Orange | Collections and Research Group Director at Te Papa

Dame Dr Claudia Orange is the Collections and Research Group Director at the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, a position she took up in July 2009. Prior to this she was Te Papa’s Director of History and Pacific Cultures for five years, and she was the General Editor of the multi-volume government project, *Dictionary of New Zealand Biography*, between 1990 and 2003. She also served as the Chief Historian at the Department of Internal Affairs between 1997 and 2000. Dame Claudia is the recipient of a number of significant honours and awards – in 1993 she was made an Officer of the OBE, and in 2009 she was awarded DCNZM for services to historical research. She has published widely on New Zealand history, race relations, and the Treaty of Waitangi. Her first book, *The Treaty of Waitangi* (1987) (a second edition was released in 2011), won the Goodman Fielder Wattie Book of the Year Award. Dame Claudia also curated the Te Papa exhibition *Treaty 2 U*, which tells the story of New Zealand’s founding agreement. The exhibition toured Auckland secondary schools, twice toured New Zealand and is still exhibited.



Sir Tipene O’Regan | Co-Chair of the Constitutional Advisory Panel

Ngāi Tahu kaumatua Sir Tipene O’Regan is a co-chair of the Constitutional Advisory Panel. Sir Tipene has extensive academic, governance, Treaty negotiations and Māori leadership experience. From a background in tertiary education he became Ngāi Tahu’s chief Treaty claim negotiator. In more recent years he has led debate on developing iwi economic structures and modernising iwi governance models. He is currently the Upoko (traditional head) of one of the 18 constituent regional rūnanga of Ngāi Tahu. Over the past 40 years he has served as a director or trustee of a wide range of commercial and non-profit enterprises in the public, private and Māori sectors. In 2009, Sir Tipene was recognised as one of the Twelve Local Heroes of Christchurch, with a bronze bust of him erected outside the Christchurch Arts Centre.



MP Metiria Turei | Member of Parliament, Green Party

Metiria Turei has been a Member of Parliament for the Green Party since 2002 and was elected as Party Co-leader in 2009. Metiria holds the Society, Justice and Maori Affairs portfolios and is a member of the Parliamentary Services Commission and on the Maori Affairs select committee. With a law degree from Auckland, Metiria has previously worked as a lawyer at Simpson Grierson and as an advocate for the unemployed and beneficiaries. She has also previously led campaigns against mining in National Parks, to protect the Mokihinui River, and has fought for greater protection of marine animals and the marine environment.

Facilitators at EmpowerNZ Workshop

Dean Knight (Principal Facilitator)



Dean Knight is a Senior Lecturer in the Victoria University of Wellington, Faculty of Law, an Associate of the New Zealand Centre for Public Law, and a PhD candidate at the London School of Economics. He holds a Bachelor of Laws with Honours and a Bachelor of Commerce and Administration from Victoria University, and a Master of Laws from the University of British Columbia. The focus of his teaching and scholarship is on public law, with key threads looking at constitutional reform, administrative law and local government. Dean is one of the co-authors of LexisNexis' Local Government loose-leaf text and is a member of the editorial committee of the New Zealand Journal for Public and International Law. He also maintains a blog on public law issues, "LAWS179: Elephants and the Law". For a number of years, he was a regular commentator on public law issues on Radio New Zealand National's NinetoNoon show.

Jess Birdsall-Day



Jess is currently completing her Master of Laws at the University of Auckland, specialising in Commercial Law. Jess holds a Bachelor of Laws with Honours and a Bachelor of Arts majoring in History and Statistics. She practised law at Chapman Tripp in both the Commercial and Banking and Finance teams. Jess' interests lie in public and constitutional law, and the interaction of public law with the commercial sphere. She is also passionate about justice and education, especially for Māori and Pacific peoples. Jess has been involved in introducing JustSpeak to Auckland. Jess was also a key member of the group which established The TULA'I Project, a project which seeks to provide Pacific law students with the opportunity to use their language and/or cultural background to advance Pacific causes and serve Pacific communities in Auckland and the Pacific region.

Natalie Coates



Natalie Coates has recently joined the law faculty at the University of Auckland as a law lecturer. She holds a Master of Laws from Harvard University, as well as a Bachelor of Laws with honours and a Bachelor of Arts with honours (majoring in Maori Studies) from the University of Otago. Natalie's research interests revolve around Maori legal issues, indigenous rights and legal pluralism. Both her honours dissertation for law and her substantive research paper for her LL.M looked at the association between the NZ legal system and Maori customary law. Natalie will be teaching law courses at Auckland University in jurisprudence and the Treaty of Waitangi.



Carwyn Jones

Carwyn Jones is a Lecturer in the Victoria University Faculty of Law. He holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws from Victoria University, and a Master of Arts from the York University in Canada. Before joining the Victoria University Faculty of Law, Carwyn worked at the Waitangi Tribunal, the Māori Land Court, and the Office of Treaty Settlements. He is currently a PhD candidate at the University of Victoria, British Columbia. His thesis focuses on the implications for Māori legal traditions of the current Treaty of Waitangi claims and settlement process. Carwyn's other research interests include constitutional and administrative law, indigenous governance structures, research ethics and methodologies, and indigenous peoples' rights. He maintains a blog, Ahi-kō-roa, which explores current issues in the law relating to Māori and other indigenous peoples.



Mihiata Pirini

Mihiata is currently working at the Law Commission as a legal and policy advisor. She studied law and French at Victoria University and spent some time after graduation working as an English teaching assistant in Saint-Nazaire, in the northwest of France. She has also spent a short time clerking at Chapman Tripp. Mihiata is very interested in all things to do with citizen-state engagement, language and linguistics, facilitation, dispute resolution and clear communication.



Marcelo Rodriguez Ferrere

Marcelo has recently completed his Master of Laws at the University of Toronto. He is a law graduate from Otago University and has practiced at Chapman Tripp and as a judges' clerk at the High Court before leaving New Zealand for Toronto. His interests are in administrative law and judicial deference, and both his undergraduate and graduate dissertations focused on deference in judicial review. He is returning to New Zealand in June to undertake some teaching at the University of Otago.



Diane White

Diane White holds a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts majoring in English Literature and International Relations from Victoria University of Wellington. Diane was admitted to the roll of Barristers and Solicitors of the High Court of New Zealand in June 2012. She lives in Auckland and works at the Auckland District Court as a Legal and Research Advisor. Diane has a strong interest in civic and youth engagement in justice issue. She is part of the group JustSpeak, which aims to provide a platform for young people to participate in the criminal justice debate. She is currently involved in establishing JustSpeak in Auckland. She has also been involved in a number of other community organisations, such as the Wellington Peoples Centre and Workers' Rights Wellington. Diane worked at the McGuinness Institute in 2011-2012 and was involved in the early stages of the EmpowerNZ project.



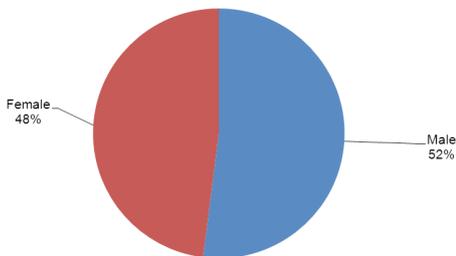
Edward Willis

Edward Willis is a Senior Solicitor at Webb Henderson. He holds of Bachelor of Arts in law and philosophy and a Master of Laws with Distinction from Victoria University. He has previously worked as a Solicitor at Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, and in Legal Counsel for the Commerce Commission. Currently, Edward is working toward a PhD at the University of Auckland, focusing on the implications of New Zealand's unique constitutional arrangements. His experience combines insight into government processes and public law issues with specialist understanding of competition law. More recently, he has worked alongside clients in the private sector on regulatory law and policy, and has helped them to more effectively and strategically engage with government at all levels. He has published a number of articles relating to his specialities in economic regulation, competition law, public law, policy and government engagement, and constitutional law.

Participant Statistics

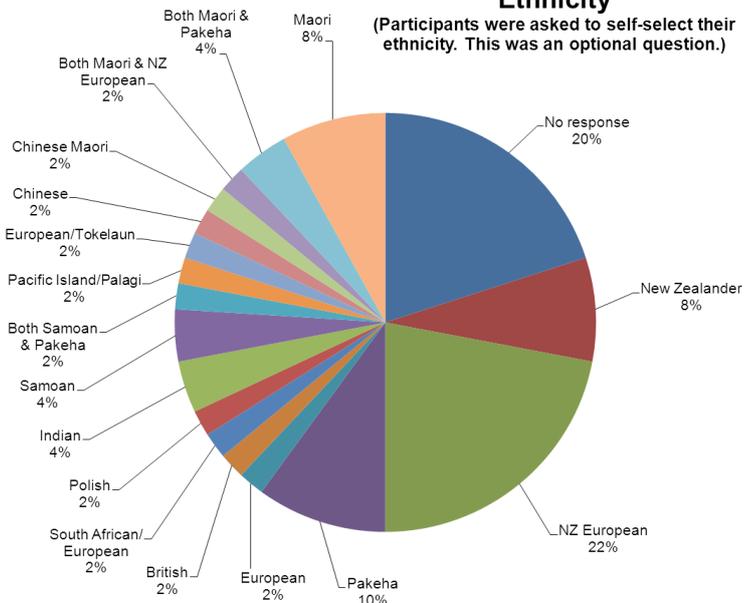
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Gender

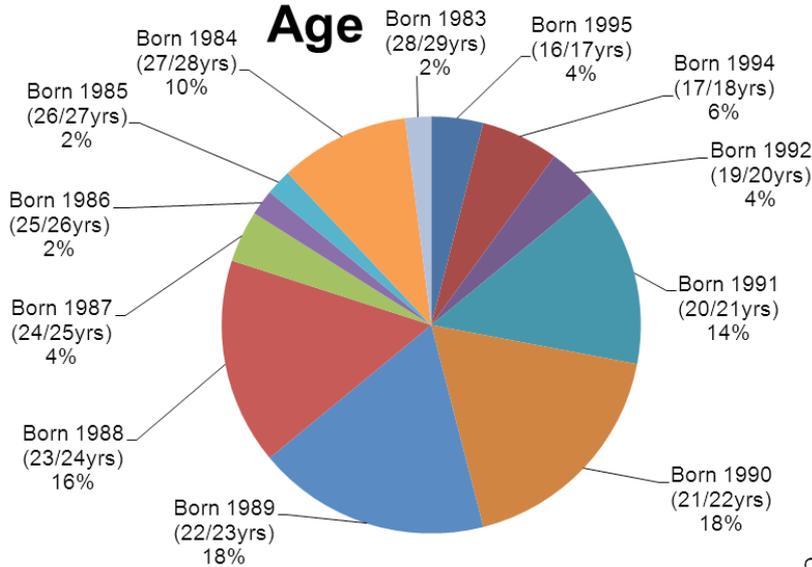


Ethnicity

(Participants were asked to self-select their ethnicity. This was an optional question.)



Age



Participants Travelling From

