

Participants



Roana Bennett

A finalist in the 2015 New Zealander of the Year, Roana's background is in the not-for-profit sector, Iwi development and education. A graduate of Waikato University's Bachelor of Management Studies, her strengths are strategic planning and organisational change. In a previous role on the board of Amnesty International New Zealand, she saw the impact of climate change on the world's vulnerable populations, particularly in countries where human rights were not well protected. She is a board member of Te Arawa Lakes Trust and Te Arawa Management Limited and has roles with Te Runanga o Ngati Whakaue ki Maketu, REAP Central Plateau and the Pongakawa Waihi Estuary Restoration Group. Roana is of Ngati Whakaue descent.



Greg Briner

Greg Briner is a Senior Adviser at the office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment (PCE), Simon Upton. His main areas of interest are climate, agriculture, forestry and energy policy. He worked on the PCE's Farms, Forests and Fossil Fuels report published in 2019, and is currently working on a follow up project that is exploring how a highly granular landscape approach to environmental policy could enable rural communities to achieve better climate, water, soil and biodiversity outcomes. He previously worked in the OECD Environment Directorate on international climate policy from 2009 to 2016, then spent one year in Myanmar working on clean energy issues before coming to New Zealand in 2018.



Lionel Carter

Lionel is Emeritus Professor at the Antarctic Research Centre at Victoria University of Wellington. Lionel has focused on the ocean responses to climate change and potential impacts on marine-based industries in particular submarine fibre-optic network, which underpins the internet and virtually all global telecommunications.



Matthew Everett

Matthew works as a principal analyst in the Ministry for the Environment's Climate Change Directorate. His main focus is on helping develop the policies and overall strategy needed for New Zealand's to make the transition to a low emissions economy over the next 30 years. That is almost the same amount of time that Matthew has worked in the New Zealand public service in a career largely based around issues of sustainable development. He has worked in both analytical/advisory and management roles at EECA, the Ministry for the Environment (twice), the New Zealand Transport Agency, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Development.



Malisha Frawley

Malisha is a Policy Advisor in the Just Transition Partnerships Team at Ministry for Business Innovation and Employment. Previous to her current role, Malisha was at Ministry of Justice where she advised on the Hāpaitia te ōranga tangata – safe and effective justice programme and developed the Cannabis Legalisation and Control Bill for the 2020 Cannabis Referendum. Malisha has a Master of Public Policy from Victoria University of Wellington and enjoys working on cross-government policy projects.



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David Gawith

Dr David Gawith recently completed his PhD in Land Economy at the University of Cambridge which focused on understanding how constraints on adaptation affect the economics of climate change. He has a background in physical geography and development studies. He has contributed to a range of projects assessing low carbon development strategies in the energy sector, the economic impacts of natural disasters, and various approaches to climate change adaptation. Before returning to New Zealand, David worked on rural land economics for the Cambridge Centre for Science and Policy, and on policy coherence for the OECD's Environment Directorate. He is currently based in Auckland, working on climate change and development issues in Africa and the Asia Pacific region for the strategic advisory firm Castalia.



David Hall

Dr David Hall is a political theorist with a focus on climate change, land use and sustainable finance. He is Senior Lecturer at AUT University's School of Social Sciences & Public Policy, founding director of the Climate Innovation Lab, and a member of the Technical Working Group for Aotearoa Circle's Sustainable Finance Forum. His most recent publication is *A Careful Revolution: Towards a Low-Emissions Future*.



Ella Lawton

Dr Ella Lawton is Projects Manager at Great South - Southland's Development Agency. Ella has a PhD, Ecological Accounting – Victoria University of Wellington; MSc in Strategic Leadership towards Sustainability – Blekinge Institute of Technology, Sweden; PCAS, Postgraduate Certificate in Antarctic Studies – Canterbury University; LLB BSc, Law and Ecology – University of Otago and Future Leaders Programme, Auckland School of Business. Between 2013 and 2017, Ella represented the Wanaka Ward on Queenstown Lakes District Council. She was also a Regional Councillor at the Otago Regional Council between 2017 and 2019. Ella is a Patron of McGuinness Institute.



Tom Milton

Tom is Principal Advisor at Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. He was previously a Policy Analyst at the Ministry of Education between 2017 and 2018, and an Intern to Jacinda Ardern in 2015.



Leah Murphy

Leah Murphy is a Principal Advisor in the Innovation Policy team at MBIE. Leah is an experienced Manager and Principal Advisor in government and has worked on transformative policies and legislation to support New Zealand's response to Climate Change, make towns and cities more liveable and improve wellbeing. She led the funding of the Innovating Streets programme, the development of the Public Transport Operating Model at Waka Kotahi and the transport sectors inclusion in the Emissions Trading Scheme at the Treasury and Ministry of Transport. As a previous accountant for small to medium sized businesses, she is inspired by the innovation policy sphere.

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James Palmer

Born and raised in Hawke's Bay, James has been Chief Executive since June 2017, having previously served as the Council's Group Manager Strategic Development. Prior to working at the Council, James was Deputy Secretary Sector Strategy at the Ministry for the Environment and Director Strategy at both the Ministry for Primary Industries and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry before that. Between 2005 and 2008 James served as Chief of Staff to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity, and was an advisor in the Labour-led government between 1999 and 2003.



Michelle Pawson

Patron of McGuinness Institute. Principal Policy Advisor. 15+ year's experience public policy, policy innovation and strategy. Multidisciplinary academic background. I am driven by a deep sense of curiosity and passion for problem solving, systems thinking, governance and risk. In turning to face our urgent challenges my hope is we can reimagine partnership through power sharing and embed a complex systems approach to rethinking a collaborative, diverse, innovative and entirely unique future as a society founded on te Tiriti o Waitangi.



Donna Purdue

Chief Economist at Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), Donna has a first class honours degree in economics from University of Waikato. She started out as an economist at Ord Minnett Securities in Auckland. Since then, she has worked with the British High Commission, the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research, Westpac, and as Chief Economist at Kiwibank. She joined MBIE from New Zealand Treasury in 2016. Donna works to grow understanding of the impact of business practices and productivity in New Zealand.



Lachlan Rule

Lachlan works in the Just Transitions Partnerships team at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, leading the agency's transition planning work in Southland. Lachlan previously worked as Ministerial Advisor to the Minister for Climate Change, as a campaigner with NGOs, a researcher with think tanks, and as a Parliamentary Advisor in Westminster. Tasmanian by birth and inclination, he is inspired by the ongoing struggle to defend the island's wild places. Lachlan has a Master of Public Policy from the University of Melbourne.



Elliot Scholz

Elliot joined Willis Bond in January 2021 and is based in Auckland. He is involved in assessing the financial feasibility of new business opportunities, completing due diligence on acquisitions and raising capital. Prior to joining Willis Bond, Elliot was a senior analyst in the Corporate Finance team at PwC. Elliot holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons) degree in finance, and a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Finance and Accounting from the University of Auckland.

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Ali Segura

Ali Segura is a Policy Advisor at the Science Policy team, MBIE. She is the chapter lead for the Research, Science and Innovation Chapter of the Emissions Reduction Plan.



John Stewart

John started at LGNZ in August 2020. Before joining he worked at the New Zealand Commerce Commission on national and international competition law advocacy and at the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment on competition and telecommunications policy. He has qualifications in law, policy and management, and political science and international relations. While studying, John worked at Parliament, Transpower and as a tax law scholar. He was admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand in 2018. He is currently working in LGNZ's climate change and community resilience work stream.



Nigel Taptiklis

Nigel Taptiklis is an independent environmental policy and strategy consultant. Over the last five years he has been working as an advisor and project manager at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, The Ministry for Primary Industries, the Department of Conservation and the Ministry for the Environment. He is currently working on Pacific Climate Resilience and has worked on a number of cross-agency projects including freshwater reform, the NZ Biodiversity Strategy and National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity, Biosecurity advice (1080 and Kauri Dieback) and the NZ Biosecurity Strategy (science and innovation priorities). He previously worked as an adviser on climate resilience at Wellington City Council, and as a researcher at the New Zealand Climate Change Research Institute.



Alex White (TBC)

Alex works at the Ministry for the Environment in the Sustainable Finance programme as a team leader. Alex previously worked as acting manager for the Sustainable Finance programme in 2020, including leading climate-related financial disclosures work, and as a Senior Policy Analyst between 2019 and 2020. Alex is a sustainability and government policy professional with expertise in green finance and decarbonisation. She is also experienced in stakeholder engagement and management.

Support team for group work



Reuben Brady

Reuben has been working as a research analyst at the McGuinness Institute since 2019. Reuben completed a Bachelor of Commerce (Economics and Finance) at Otago University. Reuben's current role at the Institute focuses on the development of a climate change strategy.



Isabella Crawford (Izzy)

Isabella recently completed her Masters in Public Policy at Victoria University of Wellington. As part of this qualification, she developed a framework for assessment of economic and industrial transitions to determine if they are a 'just transition' that minimises hardships for those involved. She has a background in developmental psychology, with a focus on analysis of large, longitudinal datasets, and also has experience in the education sector. As part of New Zealand's COVID-19 response, she has supported the establishment of the Business Travel Register for movement over Alert Level Boundaries. She currently works in Just Transitions Partnerships at the New Zealand Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, partnering with regions that have experienced major shocks to transition effectively and inclusively.



Maisie Hance

Maisie recently completed a Masters in Climate Change Science and Policy from Victoria University of Wellington. During her studies she analysed the physical science of climate change as well as current and potential policy settings for mitigation, adaptation and impacts for refugees. Her background is in political science with a focus on international relations, environmental policy, and Chinese language. Maisie has worked at the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development where she supported the Urban Growth Agenda and lead research on co-housing and green infrastructure. She currently works at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment in the Just Transitions Partnerships team where she is working on Southland's Just Transition process in light of the closure of Tiwai Point.



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McGuinness Institute support team



Dana King

Dana is one of the graphic designers at McGuinness Institute, having recently completed her Bachelor of Design (Hons) majoring in Visual Communication Design at Massey University in 2020. Her most recent work at the institute has been based around the editorial design of publications.



Sophie Wells

Sophie started at McGuinness Institute this year as a Designer. She has recently completed a Bachelor of Design (Hons), majoring in Visual Communication Design. Sophie is interested in finding ways to make information accessible through clear, engaging design.



Wendy McGuinness

Wendy McGuinness is the founder and chief executive of the McGuinness Institute. Wendy studied at Manukau Technical Institute (gaining an NZCC), Auckland University (BCom) and Otago University (MBA), as well as completing additional environmental papers at Massey University. As a Fellow Chartered Accountant specialising in risk management, Wendy has worked in both the public and private sectors. In 2004 she established the McGuinness Institute as a way of contributing to New Zealand's long-term future.