

**McGuinness Institute Press Release**  
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McGuinness Institute welcomes Hon Nikki Kaye  
and Jessica Prendergast as new patrons

The Institute is delighted to announce that Hon Nikki Kaye and Jessica Prendergast will be joining our team as patrons.



Hon Nikki Kaye is currently the Director of AUT Ventures, Education and Environment consultant. She is a former cabinet minister and the former MP for Auckland Central. She previously worked in the United Kingdom at the Halifax Bank of Scotland, Transport for London, and in Social Services. In 2008, Nikki was elected as the Member of Parliament for the Auckland Central electorate in 2008, winning the seat for the National Party for the first time in New Zealand's history. She retired from Parliament in late 2020.



Jessica worked for the Institute from 2009-2012 as a Policy and Research Manager. Since moving overseas, she has worked as a Foresight Consultant across a range of disciplines and industries in Europe and Asia-Pacific regions.

The Institute thanks both Nikki and Jessica for accepting the role as patron. We are excited to work with them in the future.