

TE TURE WHENUA MĀORI MINISTERIAL ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS



Kingi Smiler (Chair)

Graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce, Kingi is a member of New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants and a former member of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. He was a Partner with Ernst & Young Toronto and is currently a Director of Mangatū Incorporation and Integrated Foods Limited. Kingi also chairs the Ahuwhenua Trophy Competition management committee and was a recipient of the Federated Farmers 2013 Allflex Agri Business Person of the Year.

Traci Houpapa, MNZM

Graduated with an MBA from Massey University, Traci is a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit and is a Justice of the Peace. Currently the Chairman and Tainui Delegate for the Federation of Māori Authorities, Traci specialises in strategic and economic development, advising Māori, Iwi, public and private sector clients. Traci holds a number of directorships and Ministerial appointments in Māori Development and the Primary Sector.



Spencer Webster

Graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Auckland, Spencer is a Director of Koning Webster Limited. With previous legal experience in a number of law firms, and extensive experience in Treaty of Waitangi Claims and Māori Land Law, Spencer has worked in civil litigation, corporate and commercial law, property, trust law and environmental law.

Linda Te Aho

Graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Auckland and a Master of Laws with Distinction from the University of Waikato, Linda holds a current practising certificate as a Barrister and is an avid support of the Māori Law Society (Te Hunga Roia Māori). Linda currently teaches at the University of Waikato in Māori Land Law, Water Law (Post Graduate) Reconciliation, Justice and Indigeneity, Corporate Governance, Māori Resources Law and Development Issues, Māori and Indigenous Governance and Law and Business.



Sacha McMeeking

Graduated with a Master of Laws (First Class Honours) from the University of Canterbury, Sacha then lectured in the faculty in various fields including international and constitutional law, Māori legal issues and comparative indigenous rights. Recognised as an emerging New Zealand leader, Sacha was the inaugural Fulbright Harkness Fellow in 2010. Formerly the General Manager of Strategy and Influence with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Sacha lead external affairs spanning government engagement and public policy.

Matanuku Mahuika

An experienced lawyer working in corporate and private practice since gaining his LLB (Hons) from Victoria University, Matanuku also established Kahui Legal, and was a Partner at Walters Williams & Co, and in-house counsel at the Treaty of Waitangi Fisheries Commission. Matanuku specialises in corporate, commercial and Treaty settlement issues and advises Māori Trust Boards and Māori organisations on structural, business development and management issues.



Dr Tanira Kingi

With a PhD in Agricultural Economics and Development from the Australian National University, Tanira specialises in land tenure systems, environmental management and primary sector analyses, and has published extensively on Māori land and economic development. Prior to his appointment with AgResearch, Tanira was a member of the Agricultural Systems Management Group at Massey University. On behalf of some government departments Tanira is currently leading several projects in Māori land development and leading a team examining the reform of Fiji's dairy industry.