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David Caygill, Former Cabinet Minister, Christchurch

David is a former Member of Parliament and Cabinet Minister. Before entering Parliament he served three terms as a Christchurch City Councillor. In Parliament he served as chair of the Regulations Review Committee and as Deputy Leader of the Opposition. On leaving Parliament he became a partner in Buddle Findlay specialising in public law. His governance experience includes chairing the ACC, a Ministerial inquiry into the electricity industry, the Pegasus Health group of companies, and the Christchurch Polytechnic. He has also served on the board of a public company (Infratil Ltd), and as Deputy Chair of the Commerce Commission. He is currently chair of the Electricity Commission, Education New Zealand Trust and the Advisory Committee on Official Statistics.

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Graeme Buchanan, Deputy Secretary-Legal, Department of Labour

Graeme leads the Legal and International Group and is a member of the Strategic Leadership Team. He has been the Department's Chief Legal Adviser since 1985, and has also acted as Chief Executive on several occasions. During that time Graeme has managed legal services and advice to the Department and Ministers; the Government's relationship with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and labour-related aspects of Free Trade negotiations and implementation; the Department's representation in courts and tribunals, and overseen the development of relevant legislative reforms and their passage through Parliament. He also has responsibility for the newly established Immigration Advisers Authority, as well as the support requirements of three Immigration Appeal Authorities. Graeme's career has been primarily with the Department of Labour, with some time at the State Services Commission. In 2007, Graeme was named CLANZ Corporate Lawyer of the Year.



Robert Buchanan, Robert Buchanan Public Law, Wellington

Robert is a Wellington practitioner who specialises in public sector governance, including procurement and probity advice. He was an Assistant Auditor-General until 2006, when he established his own legal practice. He is also a former Director of the Law Commission and a current member of the Legislation Advisory Committee.



Dr Andrew Butler, Russell McVeagh, Wellington

Andrew is a partner at Russell McVeagh in Wellington specialising in civil litigation and public law. From May 1999 to May 2005 he was Crown Counsel in the Human Rights Team at the Crown Law Office in Wellington. Prior to 1999 he was a senior lecturer at Victoria University of Wellington, specialising in equity, trusts, public law and human rights. He has written extensively here and abroad on human rights and public law being a co-author of Butler & Butler's *The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act: A Commentary* (LexisNexis, Wellington, 2006).

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Hon Lianne Dalziel, Member of Parliament

Lianne was elected to Parliament in 1990 and served two terms as MP for Christchurch Central, one term as a Labour List MP and is into her fourth term as MP for Christchurch East. She has a law degree from Canterbury University and a background in the union movement before entering Parliament. Lianne served in Cabinet between 1999-2004 and 2005-2008, holding a range of portfolios including Immigration, Commerce, Senior Citizens Small Business, Women's Affairs, Food Safety and associate portfolios in Education and Justice. She is now the Labour Spokesperson on Justice and Commerce and is the chair of the Commerce Select Committee.



Jane Meares, Treasury Solicitor, The Treasury

Jane is the Treasury Solicitor and heads up the Treasury's legal team. She joined the Treasury in February 2005 and was previously a partner in the commercial department of Bell Gully's Wellington office. Jane has experience in commercial, banking and contracting matters. She is a member of the NZLS Human Rights Committee and a board member of the Royal New Zealand Ballet.



Alastair Morrison, Director-General, Department of Conservation

Al joined the Department of Conservation in 2002 and was appointed as Chief Executive and Director-General in November 2006. He began his working life as a teacher, graduating from the Dunedin Teachers College. He then moved into journalism, spending several years in newspaper in reporting, commentary and management positions before joining Radio New Zealand in 1996, where he became Political Editor. He is a graduate of Otago University, where he studied philosophy and education.



Roger Palaret, Palaret Law, Wellington

Roger is the principal of Palaret Law, a specialist law firm established in 2004 to provide advice to government departments and other Crown agencies. He was the Director Legal Services for the Ministry of Economic Development from 1999 - 2004. Before that, he worked for two law firms, first in the areas of banking and corporate finance, and then developing his public law specialisation.



Dr Matthew Palmer, Deputy Solicitor-General (Public Law)

Matthew is currently Deputy Solicitor-General (Public Law) and has previously held positions as Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dean of Law and Director of the New Zealand Centre for Public Law at Victoria University of Wellington, Deputy Secretary for Justice (Public Law) and Manager at the Treasury. He has published books and articles on the Treaty of Waitangi and on New Zealand's Constitution and Government.

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Garth Sinclair, Russell McVeagh, Auckland

Garth is a commercial partner at Russell McVeagh in Auckland and the head of Russell McVeagh's Infrastructure Group. He has acted for a number of major companies in New Zealand in relation to their infrastructure, capital works and procurement programmes, including Fonterra Co-operative Group, Genesis Energy, Watercare Services, Ports of Auckland and Vector. Garth has significant experience in relation to the full spectrum of contracting and procurement methodologies, including performance based contracts and contracting through bi-lateral negotiations and through a competitive tendering framework.

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