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Robert is a Wellington practitioner who specialises in public sector governance, accountability, and risk management. 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 currently has a number of public sector governance roles.

SPEAKERS



Dr Andrew Butler, Russell McVeagh, Wellington

Andrew is a litigator with extensive experience at trial and appellate level in both public and commercial law. He has been a partner at Russell McVeagh since 2007. Andrew joined Russell McVeagh from the Crown Law Office in 2005 where he had been Crown Counsel for six years. He previously lectured in a number of subjects at Victoria University of Wellington and has published extensively in New Zealand and overseas on a range of commercial and public law issues.



Una Jagose, Crown Law Office, Wellington

Una is the Deputy Solicitor-General, Crown Legal Risk. She joined Crown Law as Crown Counsel in 2002, and became a team leader in the Public Law group in 2007. Before that Una was Chief Legal Advisor at the Ministry of Fisheries. She has a wealth of experience representing the Crown in courts at all levels, and advising Ministers and public sector organisations on a range of public law and constitutional matters. Una teaches the public law module for Masters in Public Policy Course at VUW's School of Government.



Toko Kapea, Tuia Legal, Wellington

Toko is a commercial lawyer, consultant and director. He has worked at Chapman Tripp, in in-house legal roles at Bank of New Zealand, Meridian Energy, and St. George Bank NZ. Toko has held numerous directorship and governance roles including Parininihi ki Waitotara Incorporation (in Taranaki), Port Nicholson Fisheries Limited, and Ngāti Apa Developments (Rangitikei). He is on the Government Review Panel relating to the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 (Māori Land Act).



Clare Lenihan, Barrister, Invercargill

Clare is a barrister working in Invercargill specialising in resource management, conservation and public law and is also a certified independent RMA hearing commissioner. Prior to joining the bar in July 2012 Clare worked for the Department of Conservation for 15 years as Southland Conservancy Solicitor.



Jane Meares, Barrister, Wellington

Jane is a commercial barrister, with a wide range of public and commercial experience. Prior to joining Clifton Chambers, Jane was the Chief Legal Adviser at the New Zealand Treasury, the Treasury Solicitor, and before that was a corporate and commercial partner at Bell Gully. She is a director of Electricity Corporation of New Zealand and chair of the Ballet Foundation of New Zealand Trust.

SPEAKERS



Ryan Orange, Deputy Commissioner, State Services Commission, Wellington

Ryan leads the State Sector Results Group which drives improvements in the design of New Zealand's State sector. He leads the new Corporate Centre Performance Hub. Ryan has worked in State sector reform since May 2010, in particular the Better Public Service programme. Previously, Ryan was General Manager at the Ministry of Social Development. He has also worked for the South Australian and Victorian WorkCover authorities and for the global consulting firm McKinsey & Company.



Roger Palairt, Palairt Law, Wellington

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



Andrew Royle, Acting Chief Legal Advisor, State Services Commission, Wellington

Andrew is responsible for the Commission's role in the passage of the State Sector and Public Finance Amendment Bill through the House, and has also been involved in the majority of recent machinery of government change processes. Before joining SSC, Andrew has worked in the legal team within the Department of Internal Affairs, in local government in the United Kingdom, and in private practice specialising in public law.



Gaye Searancke, Ministry Of Business, Innovation & Employment, Wellington

Gaye started with the former Ministry of Economic Development in 2005 as Director Legal before being appointed Deputy Secretary of Organisational Development and Support. In 2011 she moved to her current role as a Deputy Chief Executive (Labour and Commercial Environment). Before joining MED Gaye was with the Ministry of Social Development, and prior to that the Commerce Commission.



John Sneyd, Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand / Aviation Security Service, Wellington

John has spent the majority of his career to date in legal roles in the wider state sector, most recently spending five years as the Chief Legal Advisor at the Department of Building & Housing. He recently took a role as the Chief Legal Counsel with the Civil Aviation Authority where he manages a small team specialising in aviation, international and public law.

PANELISTS

- **Dr Andrew Butler**, Russell McVeagh, Wellington
- **Stephen Franks**, Principal, Franks & Ogilvie, Wellington
- **Jane Meares**, Barrister, Wellington
- **Phillippa Smith**, Deputy Controller and Auditor-General, Office of the Auditor-General, Wellington

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