



Te Kawa Mataaho
Public Service Commission



Announcing the Chief Executive of Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People



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What is this document about?



This Easy Read document:

- is about an announcement made by **Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission**
- tells you about the **Chief Executive for Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People.**



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Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission:

- is a government department
- has been looking for a Chief Executive for Whaikaha Ministry of Disabled People.



A **Chief Executive** is someone who is in charge of an organisation.



Enabling Good Lives



Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People is a new part of the New Zealand government that will:

- use an Enabling Good Lives way of doing things
- work with other government agencies to better support disabled people
- make disability support services better for:
 - disabled people
 - family / whānau of disabled people.

The Chief Executive



Ms Paula Tesoriero has been appointed as the Chief Executive of Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People.



Ms Tesoriero will start the role of Chief Executive from 1 September 2022.



Ms Tesoriero has been appointed to the role for the next 5 years.

Ms Tesoriero is:



- a disabled person
- a well-known leader in the disabled community.

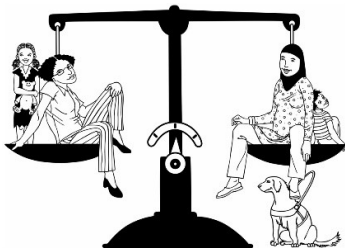


Ms Tesoriero is trusted by many:

- disabled people
- tāngata whaikaha Māori.



Since 2017 Ms Tesoriero has worked at the **Human Rights Commission** as the **Disability Rights Commissioner**.



The **Human Rights Commission** makes sure that everyone in New Zealand is treated fairly.



The **Disability Rights Commissioner** works to protect the rights of disabled New Zealanders.

Ms Tesoriero has also worked at:



- the Higher Courts at the Ministry of Justice as the General Manager



- Statistics New Zealand as the General Manager of System and Partnership.



In 2022 Ms Tesoriero was appointed to the Asia New Zealand Foundation as an **honorary advisor**.



An **honorary advisor** means to:

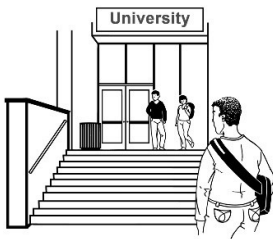
- be invited to have a position / role
- give advice to the Foundation about their work.



In 2009 Ms Tesoriero was made a Member of the **New Zealand Order of Merit**.



The **New Zealand Order of Merit** is a special award given by the Queen to people who have done very important things for New Zealand.



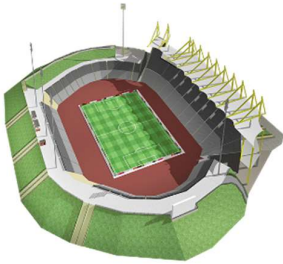
Ms Tesoriero studied at Victoria University where she did a:

- Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management
- Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Arts.





In 2008 Ms Tesoriero represented New Zealand as a **Paralympian** in the **Paralympic Games**.



A **Paralympian** is someone with a disability who competes in sports at the **Paralympic Games**.



The **Paralympic Games** is a big sports event where disabled athletes from all over the world compete.



Ms Tesoriero competed in the Para cycling events.

In the Para cycling events she won:



- 1 gold medal
- 2 bronze medals.



In 2020 Ms Tesoriero was the **Chef de Mission** for the New Zealand team at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.



A Chef de Mission is the person who looks after the team while they are away.



Ms Tesoriero has had many roles like:

- Deputy Chair of Nuku Ora / Sport Wellington
- life trustee of the Halberg Disability Sport Foundation.





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