

Te Kawa Mataaho Report



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Public Service Commission

Meeting with Open Government Partnership Expert Advisory Panel (EAP)

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Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister for the Public Service Note this report		Due Date

Enclosure: Expert Advisory Panel 2021 profiles

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Purpose of Report

1. You are meeting with the OGP EAP. EAP is an advisory group for Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission as part of the OGP process. It is made up of civil society representatives from diverse backgrounds. (See attached profiles)
2. This is the second time you will meet this EAP, having previously met with them on 24 July 2020.

Background

3. The EAP works with Te Kawa Mataaho and officials from agencies to develop and oversee the implementation of National Action Plans (NAPs). Of the six members, two (Suzanne Snively and Rachel Roberts) participated in the development of the current NAP.
4. EAP has indicated that they are in support of the letter you recently received from ten civil society organisations about the process for developing NAP4. The letter identified three reasons for making change to the current approach:
 - the plan is being developed without a budget for the commitments;
 - the process does not involve co-creation, it is a traditional consultation with insufficient time for substantive engagement;
 - the work to co-create the action plan is insufficiently resourced to achieve high quality public participation.
5. The civil society agencies asked that the plan be delayed from this year into next year in order to provide additional time to undertake collective development of the commitments.
6. You replied to the letter on 27 April 2021, agreeing that Te Kawa Mataaho will open a conversation with the OGP Secretariat to explore extending the submission date for NAP4 to 30 June 2022.
7. On 22 April, 2021, at the OGP EAP & Officials Quarterly Meeting, the Public Service Commissioner, Mr Peter Hughes, provided EAP with an outline of your response to the ten civil society organisations and discussed your plans for a programme of reform and development in relation to active citizenship, citizen voice in decision-making, and transparency and accountability.

Talking Points

EAP may raise with you:

- Budget for NAP commitments and better use of budget cycles in OGP processes
- Amplifying wider public awareness of OGP and open government initiatives
- That they were not aware of the civil society organisations letter to you and that while they support the overall thrust of the letter, they prefer not to extend NAP4 development for a further 12 months
- Their desire for you, as Minister for the Public Service, to be more involved in open government dialogue with New Zealanders

Your reply to the ten civil society organisations:

In your reply, sent on 27 April, you:

- supported the NAP4 timeframe extension request and have asked Te Kawa Mataaho to work with OGP to shift New Zealand into the 2022 cohort

- confirmed that budget for Commitments sits with agencies and is their responsibility
- outlined a program of work to commence around active citizenship and transparency

OGP is one tool and you are looking to push further:

- You support the possibility of a four-year National Action Plan as one means to address concerns around Commitments aligning better with budget cycles
- While extending the submission date for NAP4 to August 2022 makes sense, your plan for a programme of reform and development in relation to active citizenship, citizen voice in decision-making, and transparency and accountability needs to move quickly and cannot wait for the start of NAP4

As part of this this work progressing quickly, you:

- Have asked the Public Service Commissioner to advance this programme now so that real progress can be made in the next 2-3 years
- Continue to champion the proactive release of government information and look forward to seeing current OIA compliance move toward proactive release becoming the norm; you will work with your Ministerial colleagues to support this ambition
- Expect this work to move at pace, utilising the tools available via the Public Service Act
- Indicated an interest in initiatives that will encourage and enable citizen voice in decision-making
- Consider that strengthening the capacity of public service in public engagement, building on the work of the Policy Project (NAP3, Commitment 5) and recommendations from the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the terrorist attack on Christchurch masjidain on 15 March 2019, is a priority piece of work over the next couple of years
- Want to see that work being undertaken with agencies, civil society and the public working together to achieve outcomes that make a difference for people across New Zealand

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Expert Advisory Panel Members 2021

Sean Audain



Sean is the Chief Innovation Lead at the Wellington City Council.

He is an urban planner who brings together communities and technologies to unlock insight and action towards the future of cities. He works across sectors focussing on Smart Cities, cross organisation priorities and achieving outcomes. His major interests are in taking concepts like Open Data, the Internet of Things, Data Visualisation, GIS and making them pathways towards solving real world problems and helping people make better decisions.

Sean has worked with CivicTech and Digital Professionals across the city to grow and support Civic Hackathon groups and digital engagement.

In addition to the activities within Wellington City Council Sean has also been a supporter and organiser for a number of community data groups, including GovHack, Hack Miramar and the Climathon.

Jacqueline Paul



Jacqueline is of Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāpuhi and Ngāti Tūwharetoa descent. She is a Māori landscape architect, a researcher at Nga Wai a Te Tui Maori and Indigenous Research Centre, Lecturer at Unitec Institute of Technology and previously a member of the Auckland Youth Advisory Panel at Auckland Council.

Jacqueline has vast experience ranging from research, policy and design both nationally and internationally. Recently she completed a dissertation, which discusses how papakāinga (traditional settlement) housing that incorporates Māori knowledge, principles, and practices can contribute to medium-density

housing in cities.

Jacqueline is a proactive advocate for better youth inclusiveness in the development of planning the future of our cities and communities. She participated in the process to develop the OGP National Action Plan 2018-20 (attending the Auckland Workshop and being a delegate at the Synthesis Workshop).

Rachel Roberts



Rachel works with organisations on strategic and operational communications, as well as project-based work. She has worked across not-for-profit organisations, business and government agencies, as diverse as philanthropy and Search and Rescue. She has supported, driven and consulted on a wide range of activities. She has worked on a number of cross sector projects and forums aimed at creating collaborative responses to the issues at hand.

Rachel is most interested in delivering communication leadership that provides clarity and leads to practical outcomes that are fit for purpose and achievable.

In a previous life she was a journalist and radio producer working on National Radio's Nine to Noon programme.

Rachel is married to Chris; they have two teenage boys and live on Wellington's South Coast.

Suzanne Snively



Dame (Honorary) Suzanne Snively was named in the 2021 New Years Honours as an Honorary Dame Companion for her services to governance. In late 2020, Suzanne completed her final term as Chair of Transparency International New Zealand. Suzanne was a joint Co-Director of the comprehensive Integrity Plus 2013 New Zealand National Integrity System Assessment. She is the author of the TINZ Financial Integrity System Assessment Methodology that provides an opportunity for accounting, legal, audit, risk management and strategic development knowledge to demonstrate the strengths, and advise on ways to enhance the integrity, of New Zealand's financial system.

In her professional career, Suzanne was a Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, specialising as an economic strategist. She has been a company director for over 30 years, with extensive governance experience across public, private and not-for-profit sectors. Suzanne is currently on the Ministry of Transport Audit and Risk Committee, is a Director of New Zealand Opera, Deputy Leader of the Turnbull Endowment Trust, Chief Judge for the Kapiti/Horowhenua Business Excellence Awards, is a member of the advisory board for the Brian Picot Chair in Ethical Leadership, a Trustee of the Opera Foundation and Wellington Theatre Awards. She chaired the Phase 1 Review of the Reserve Bank Act 1989 and is the Chair of Phase 2.

Dr Farib Sos



Dr Farib Sos has had wide experience in both the private and public sectors in New Zealand, spanning some 35 years.

Cambodian by birth, Farib was awarded a Colombo Plan Scholarship in 1972 and received a BSc degree from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. In 2009, he was appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to International Relations.

Farib is a commercially minded and experienced board member with strategic insight, governance expertise and sound interpersonal and communication capabilities who has engaged with diverse stakeholders including CEOs, executive teams, politicians, ministry officials and community groups. He is adept at viewing issues from different perspectives, drawing on his varied academic, business and political background to ask critical questions, challenge the status quo and mobilise stakeholders to gain buy-in and achieve organisational growth.

Farib is a member of the Victoria University of Wellington Council, and a Trustee of the University's Foundation, Director of the Asia Pacific Research Institute and Executive Chair of the Asia Forum. He has previously Chaired Volunteer Service Abroad NZ.

Simon Wright



Simon has a strong commitment to democratic governance and the aims of the Open Government Partnership (OGP). He participated in the development of New Zealand's Third National Action Plan – participating in both a Wellington workshop and the Synthesis workshop. Simon also co-organised a session on deliberative democracy at the OGP's 2018 regional meeting in Seoul.

Simon is a public engagement professional with over 13 years' experience working for organisations such as Toi te Taiao; the Bioethics Council (TtT) and the Wellington City Council (WCC). More recently, he has worked as a partner in a public engagement consultancy and has provided advice to a range of Ministers and organisations.

He has served on the Board of the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) (Australasia) and chaired its Practice Development Committee. Simon teaches a Masters-level course on digital public engagement at the Victoria University of Wellington and has used digital technologies to engage the NZ public on complex issues.

Simon was the coordinator of the WCC's Youth Council, and a Trustee of Citizenship Trust and of Youth Work Wellington.

Sarah Colcord



Sarah is the founder of New Zealand's largest Facebook Group, Chooice (formerly New Zealand Made Products) and the co-founder and Managing Director of the e-commerce version Chooice.co.nz. She has extensive knowledge and experience in youth participation, local government, and project & event management. Sarah is a former elected member of the Manurewa Local Board, elected to Auckland Council when she was 20 years old and the General Manager for Auckland Youth Voice, Auckland's leading network for Youth Participation. She is also a Duffy Book Role Model for low decile schools, a Board member for the YWCA Auckland. Sarah is a two-time Kiwibank Local Hero Medal Recipient.

Sarah is a temporary Panel member for the period 1 October 2020 - 31 July 2021, stepping in while Jackie Paul is away overseas.

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