

Aide-Memoire: Talking Points for APH on appointments to two TEI Councils

To:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education
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Purpose

1. To provide talking points for the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee on 6 March 2019 about your appointments to the governing councils of two tertiary education institutions (TEIs).
2. We recommend you release this aide-memoire in full after the appointments have been made and your office has published a media release to announce them.

Talking Points

3. As Minister of Education, I make three or four appointments to the council of the universities, depending on the size of the council.

I intend to make two appointments to two university councils

4. Of the two appointments, one is a new council member and one is a reappointment:
 - The new council appointee is Ms Rachael NEWSOME (University of Auckland).
 - The reappointment is Mr Ben VANDERKOLK (Massey University).

I am making these appointments as Minister under the Education Act 1989

5. As the responsible Minister, I have taken into account the relevant sections of the Education Act 1989. I have considered the need for council membership to reflect the ethnic and socio-economic profile of the community the institution serves and the gender balance of the population; the requirement for Māori membership; and the knowledge, skills and experience members require to fulfil their individual duties and the functions and responsibilities of the council.
6. I am making these appointments after a thorough consultation process. I am confident that the governance skills and experience of these council members will make an important contribution to the council's discussion and decision-making, and to the leadership of their institutions.

University of Auckland

- 7. I intend to appoint Rachael NEWSOME to replace Peter Kiely, who has served on the council since 2009. Ms Newsome’s term of office will be to December 2022.
- 8. **Rachael Newsome** has been recently appointed to the role of Chief Risk Officer and General Counsel for First NZ Capital. Prior to this she was General Counsel and Strategist at Icebreaker.
- 9. Ms Newsome served as a Future Director on the board of Fisher & Paykel Healthcare until March 2018. She graduated from Victoria University in Commerce and Law and has held legal roles with Barclays Investment Bank, NZX and Study Group International (London).

Massey University

- 10. I intend to reappoint Ben VANDERKOLK as a council member for a term from 1 April 2019 to 31 December 2021. Ben was first appointed to the council of Massey University in 2011. He is also Chair of UCOL and his appointment to Massey University benefits both councils.
- 11. **Ben Vanderkolk** has been Crown Solicitor in Palmerston North since 1987 and practises in criminal, private and commercial litigation.
- 12. Mr Vanderkolk has been a member of the Law Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal and the NZ Law Society Litigation Skills Programme Faculty. He has served as Chair of the NZ Netherlands Foundation, is Chairman of the Te Awahou-Nieuwe Stroom Trust, and has served as Chair of the Manfeild Park Trust.

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