

Aide-Memoire: Talking Points for APH on appointments to eight ITP 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 20 March 2019 about your appointments to the governing councils of eight institutes of technology and polytechnics (ITPs).
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. Each governing council of an ITP has four Ministerial appointments and the expiry date is generally 30 April each year. This year I intend to make twelve appointments to eight ITP councils – Ara Institute of Canterbury, Eastern Institute of Technology, Manukau Institute of Technology, NorthTec, Tai Poutini Polytechnic, Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology, UCOL, and the Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki.

I intend to make 11 reappointments for one year and one cross-Council appointment

4. In view of my proposed restructure of the ITP sector, I intend to reappoint existing council members for one year to almost all positions. The majority are long-serving council members and I value their experience and their willingness to continue in the role.
5. Of the twelve appointments, eleven are reappointments, and one is a cross-Council appointment, with the Deputy Chair at WITT joining UCOL as a member. This will provide an opportunity to explore organisational synergies and a closer working relationship between the institutions ahead of any reform. All appointments fall due on 1 May 2019 and will be effective until 30 April 2020.

Four are leadership roles, three are Maori and gender is balanced

6. Four of the reappointments are council leadership roles, including the Chair and Deputy at both WITT and at EIT. Three of the appointees identify as Māori.
7. Gender is balanced with six women and six men being appointed. At UCOL, the appointment of WITT's Deputy Chair, Lyal French-Wright will help to balance a council that is predominately female.

8. The reappointments are:

- Ara Institute of Canterbury
 - Ms Janie ANNEAR ONZM as council member and Deputy Chair
 - Mr Stephen COLLINS as council member
 - Ms Elizabeth HOPKINS as council member.
- Eastern Institute of Technology
 - Ms Geraldine TRAVERS MNZM as council member and as Chair.
 - Mr Michael MORGAN, a council-appointed member, as Deputy Chair.
- Manukau Institute of Technology
 - Ms Rachael TUWHANGAI as council member.
- NorthTec
 - Ms Bronwyn YATES QSM as council member.
- Tai Poutini Polytechnic
 - Mr Andrew ENGLAND as council member.
- Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology
 - Ms Ngaroma TAHANA as a council member.
- WITT
 - Mr Robin BROCKIE as a council member and as Chair.
 - Mr Lyal FRENCH-WRIGHT as a council member and as Deputy Chair.

Three of the intended reappointments are at Ara

9. Three appointments are at the Ara Institute of Canterbury (Ara) and include the Deputy Chair, Ms Janie Annear.
10. Ms Annear was the former Chair of the Aoraki Polytechnic and appointed Deputy Chair of Ara in 2016 when Aoraki Polytechnic merged with CPIT to create Ara. Ms Annear was a three-term mayor of the Timaru District. She therefore contributes a valuable regional perspective together with experience of a merger in the ITP sector, and the challenges and benefits of that merger.

I intend to leave two positions unfilled

11. At Otago Polytechnic, the incumbent is not available for reappointment and the Chair conveyed the council's recommendation to leave the seat vacant. For the time being therefore, I do not intend to make a new appointment to the Otago Polytechnic council.
12. At NorthTec, former Chair Wayne Jackson has taken on the role of Acting Chief Executive until 31 December 2019, and I appointed Deputy Chair Jane Hindle as Chair for that period. This created a vacancy for a Ministerial council member, which I do not intend filling that vacancy at this time.

I am complying with the statutory requirements

13. 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 Maori membership; and the knowledge, skills and experience

members require to fulfil their individual duties and the functions and responsibilities of the council.

14. I am making these appointments after a thorough consultation process. This included canvassing the Chairs of each council after announcing my proposals for reform of the sector. 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.

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