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4.6 Commission members

The Warrant appointed four members to the Commission. Biographical details are given below.

Thomas Eichelbaum

The Right Honourable Sir Thomas Eichelbaum is the Chair of the Commission. Sir Thomas was Chief Justice of New Zealand from 1989 to 1999. He was knighted in 1989 and became a Privy Councillor the same year.

Sir Thomas was born in Germany and emigrated with his parents to New Zealand in 1938.

He practised as a lawyer from 1953 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1978. During his career, Sir Thomas appeared regularly in a wide range of litigation before the New Zealand courts and tribunals, and served as counsel in a number of Commissions of Inquiry, including the Lake Manapouri Commission in 1970, the Inquiry into Chiropractic in 1978 and the Marginal Lands Inquiry in 1981.

He was appointed a Judge of the High Court in 1982, and has been chair or a member of numerous professional and judiciary-related committees. He is a former President of the New Zealand Law Society.

Sir Thomas is a part-time member of the Courts of Appeal of Hong Kong and Fiji, an honorary member of the American Bar Association, an honorary Bencher of Lincoln's Inn, London, and an honorary member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

He brings a strong understanding of legal and judicial processes to the inquiry.

Richard Randerson

The Right Reverend Richard Randerson, a bishop of the Anglican Church and Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral in Auckland, has an extensive academic background in classics, theology, ethics and economics. Studying initially at Otago University, he later undertook postgraduate work in New York and San Francisco.

He has worked in ministries overseas and in New Zealand. He was Social Responsibility Commissioner for the Anglican Church between 1990 and 1994,

and in 1994 was appointed Assistant Bishop (for Church in Society) in Canberra, Australia. In 1999, he chaired a Government Poverty Task Force in Canberra.

His interest during his professional life has been to promote an ethical base for public policy with regard to socioeconomic matters, industrial relations, corporate responsibility, the role of women, the environment, Treaty of Waitangi relationships, and a multicultural society.

Bishop Randerson has worked as a parish minister in New Zealand, New York and the United Kingdom. He was Director of the Auckland Industrial Mission from 1971 to 1978, and, as Vicar of St Peter's Church in the 1980s, was part of Wellington's Inner City Ministry. He played an active role in establishing bicultural frameworks for the Anglican Church in New Zealand.

Jean Fleming

Dr Jean Fleming is highly qualified in the fields of biochemistry, physiology and reproductive biology. She is a Senior Lecturer in Anatomy and Structural Biology at the University of Otago School of Medical Sciences.

Her research and publications are in the area of molecular reproduction and endocrinology. In 1987, she was an ANZAC Fellow in the Genetic Engineering Laboratory, Howard Florey Institute, Melbourne.

Dr Fleming's research seeks to understand the genetic and developmental differences between male and female animals and why these differences have evolved. Her research includes investigations into the causes of ovarian cancer, mutation rate in spermatogenesis and growth factor expression in liver disease; including the different responses of males and females to injury.

Dr Fleming has a strong interest in encouraging the involvement of women in science, their approach to research, and their support networks. She convened the 1993 Women's Suffrage Centennial Science Conference, and participated in both Women: Science and our Future (1996) and Living Science (1999) conferences run by the New Zealand Association for Women in Sciences.

She has an interest in feminist pedagogy and, in particular, whether women bring a different approach to the teaching of reproductive biology and endocrinology.

Dr Fleming served as president of the Otago Institute Inc, a branch of the Royal Society of New Zealand, between 1997 and 1998, and chaired the programme committee of the inaugural International Science Festival in Dunedin, in 1998.

She brings a sound understanding of scientific method and principles to the inquiry. Her familiarity with biological and genetic research, and her understanding of gene function, has been of great assistance to the Commission.

Jacqueline Allan

Dr Jacqueline Sherburd Te Makahi Allan (Kuti Mamoe ki Rakiura, Kai Tahu) is a General Practitioner in South Auckland, with expertise in community and Maori health.

Over the past two decades she has served, and still serves, on many professional committees and advisory boards. She has both teaching and medical qualifications.

With Inez Kingi, she co-founded, and is the medical director of, Tipu Ora — the Maori Mother and Child Health Organisation. She has been involved in the establishment of a number of other community Maori health initiatives.

Dr Allan is involved with the Women's Health League and was a founding member of Te ORA (Te Ohu Rata o Aotearoa/the Maori Medical Practitioners Association) with which she is currently involved in a project to provide mentoring and training for young Maori doctors.

A rural upbringing and a large whanau spread throughout all three islands keeps her in touch with issues all over New Zealand. A love of outdoor life takes her flyfishing for solitude and relaxation into some of our remote rivers.

Dr Allan brings an understanding of both medical and Maori issues to the Commission.