



## News release

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### Prominent Wellingtonians to join Regional Economic Strategy process

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Five prominent Wellingtonians have been appointed to an interim committee to take forward the Wellington Regional Strategy process.

“This is a group of significant Wellingtonians, with wide experience and a passion for the Wellington region,” said Greater Wellington’s Chairman Ian Buchanan. “I am delighted by the response – everyone on the committee said yes to the opportunity straight away because they are all committed to helping the region’s economy do better, and see this as the way forward.”

The prominent Wellingtonians appointed today are Sir John Anderson, Professor Paul Callaghan, Catherine Savage, Professor Ngatata Love and Diana Crossan. They join seven local authority leaders who have been appointed to represent their Councils. They are Ian Buchanan, Councillor Ken Douglas, Mayor Bob Francis, Mayor Wayne Guppy, Mayor Alan Milne, Mayor David Ogden and Mayor Kerry Prendergast.

Members of the committee will start work almost immediately to confirm an economic development strategy to take out for public consultation. This will be in the public’s letterboxes at the beginning of October.

The committee has been established specifically to take the strategy through a consultation process, with a recommendation on the direction expected in December. If adopted, a permanent committee will be established to provide ongoing governance for the strategy.

Members of the committee include:

- **Sir John Anderson.** Consultant and Company Director. Recently retired as Managing Director of ANZ National Bank. Is currently Chair of TVNZ and Chair of NZ Cricket. Previously Sir John chaired the NZ Schools Consultative Group (1992–1994), Chaired Parliaments Employment Taskforce in 1994. NZ Chair and International Board Member of World Wide Fund for Nature and was a member of the Prime Minister’s Enterprise Council from 1990 to 1999. In 2005 he was the inaugural winner of the Sir Peter Blake Medal.

- **Professor Paul Callaghan.** Educator and pre-eminent world class researcher. Is currently Professor of Physical Sciences and Director of the McDiarmid Institute for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology at Victoria University.
- **Diana Crossan** is currently the Retirement Commissioner, Chair of the New Zealand Institute of Research on Ageing, Chair of Orangi Kaupapa Trust, a Board Member of Relationship Services, a Director of NZ Post and Chair of Whai Rawa Fund Ltd, a Ngai Tahu Savings Scheme. Diana has previously held Senior Executive roles in AMP, Contact Energy, Ministry of Education, State Services Commission and Department of Justice. In addition she has been a Member of the Victoria University Council, Chair of KP Solutions and a Trustee of the JR McKenzie Trust.
- **Professor Ngatata Love.** Educator and Maori Leader. Ngatata is currently a Professor in the Victoria Management School at Victoria University, a Director of NZ Post, a Member of the Massey University Council and is Chairman of the Wellington Tenths Trust. He was previously CEO of Te Puni Kokiri and has held a range of education position at Massey University, including being the Dean of the Business Studies Faculty.
- **Catherine Savage** is Managing Director of AMP Capital Investors, and a director of several AMP companies. She is on the Supporters' Council of the Enterprise NZ Trust, and is a member of the New Zealand Institute, a privately funded think-tank that aims to introduce new and creative thinking into this country's economic and social policy debate. She is married to Glenn Stewart and has three children.

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