



Climate Change Group
WATER NEW ZEALAND



Guest Speakers:

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Donna Awatere-Huata takes on the role of Māori Climate Commissioner after a lifetime spent as a fierce advocate for the Treaty of Waitangi and an equally fierce opponent of ongoing colonisation of and racism toward Māori.

The Office of the Māori Climate Commissioner provides independent Māori-focused research and advice that will contribute to Aotearoa meeting its obligations under the 2015 Paris Agreement on greenhouse-gas-emissions (NZ's commitment is to reduce those emissions by 30% below 2005 levels by 2030).

The Commissioner has three pou.

- To represent the interests of Māori Landowners and advocate on their behalf.
- To support the establishment of the World Indigenous Carbon Foundation – to support indigenous peoples promoting the value of their world views in helping their governments meet their climate change targets.
- To advocate for the value of the Māori World view in meeting Aotearoa climate change targets in particular the concepts of whakapapa, mauri and utu that underpin whānau hapū responsibilities to the natural world.