

Hon Lianne Dalziel

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TELARC appointments announced

Commerce Minister Lianne Dalziel today announced three appointments to the Testing Laboratory Registration Council (TELARC).

TELARC is the body responsible for the accreditation of testing laboratories, radiology services, and inspection services.

Lianne Dalziel said she was pleased to appoint Dr Robin Pratt, Dr Richard Janes, and Jo Brosnahan to the Council.

“They complement each other’s strengths and together bring a good mix of strategic, leadership, governance and business skills, combined with experience and understanding of public sector policies and processes.”

Dr Robin Pratt succeeds the late Dr Geoff Page as council chair. Current council member Dr Richard Janes has been appointed as deputy chair, while Jo Brosnahan becomes a member of the council. All three have been appointed for three-year terms.

Lianne Dalziel also acknowledged the commitment and contributions of Richard Dimmock who became temporary deputy chair in August last year, and outgoing member Graeme Robertson who served on the council for the past six years. Mr Dimmock, who did not seek the position of chair, will continue to serve as a member of the council.

Brief Biographies and Background on the Council

Dr Robin Pratt was trained as a chemical pathologist and was previously a Telarc technical assessor. He was, until last year, Chief Executive of Ngāi Tahu Holdings Group and Chair of its five subsidiaries. He was also the Chief Executive of the New Zealand Blood Service from 1998-2002, and was Chief Operating Officer of Medlab Ltd prior to that. He is a past director on the boards of Shotover Jet Ltd, Whalewatch Kaikoura Ltd, and the MacDiarmid Institute for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology.

Dr Richard Janes is a professional director on a range of export-focused boards and past Chief Executive of the NZ Game Industry Board and Cervena Company. He has a background in chemistry and textile engineering, and has 25 years of international experience in international marketing and branding. Among his directorship positions, he is the Chair of Asure New Zealand Ltd, a state-owned enterprise providing quality assurance and process enhancement services to the food industry.

Jo Brosnahan has a background in economic geography and 15 years of knowledge and experience of working with local governments, and the transport and infrastructure sectors. She was Chief Executive of the Auckland Regional Council from 1996-2004, and the Northland Regional Council from 1991-1996. She is the Chair of Leadership New Zealand, and a member of, among others, the boards of Landcare Research NZ Limited, Housing New Zealand, and NZ Business Excellence Foundation.

The Testing Laboratory Registration Council is a user-funded autonomous Crown entity established under the Testing Laboratory Act 1972. The Council, through its operational arm, International Accreditation New Zealand, is responsible for the accreditation of testing laboratories, radiology services, and inspection services. The Council also owns Telarc SAI Ltd, which undertakes management system certification activities.

The Council is composed of nine members, with five appointed by the Minister of Commerce, and four appointed by the Council. Current members include:

- Ministerial Appointees: Dr Robin Pratt (Chair), Dr Richard Janes (Deputy Chair), Jo Brosnahan, Nigel Cann, Miriam Dean QC; and
- Council Appointees: Dr Tony Barker, Richard Dimmock, Dr John Hay, Sarah Kennedy.