

ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE ATTACK ON CHRISTCHURCH MOSQUES

WHAT IS THE ROYAL COMMISSION?

The Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Attack on Christchurch Mosques on March 2019 (the Royal Commission) was established by an Order in Council on 8 April 2019 by the Governor-General, Her Excellency Dame Patsy Reddy.

The Royal Commission is to investigate events leading up to the attack and the performance of State sector agencies in relation to those events. The purpose is to reassure the New Zealand public, including all Muslim communities, that all reasonable measures are being taken by State sector agencies to ensure their safety and protection.

The Royal Commission is to report by 30 April 2020.

The approach of the Royal Commission will be based on fairness and impartiality and respect for all those affected by the attack, particularly the victims and their families, Muslim communities, the wider Christchurch community and the people of New Zealand.

WHAT IS THE INQUIRY ABOUT?

The Royal Commission is required to make findings on:

- What relevant State sector agencies knew about the attacker before 15 March 2019
- what relevant State sector agencies did (if anything) in light of that knowledge
- whether there was anything else relevant State sector agencies could have done to prevent the attack
- what else relevant State sector agencies should do to prevent such attacks in the future.

HOW CAN I HELP?

The Royal Commission wants to hear from anyone with information relevant to its inquiry.

We want to hear from individuals, communities and organisations about their experiences that relate to the Terms of Reference.

The Royal Commission has also invited current and former employees and contractors of relevant State sector agencies to approach us if they believe they can assist with our inquiry.

HON SIR WILLIAM YOUNG, KNZM

INQUIRY CHAIR

Sir William is a Supreme Court judge, and former President of the Court of Appeal of New Zealand. He was appointed to the Supreme Court in June 2010.



Sir William graduated from the University of Canterbury in 1974 with an LLB with first class honours. He then completed a PhD at Cambridge University becoming a Barrister Sole in 1988 and a Queen's Counsel in 1991.

In 1997, Sir William was appointed a Judge of the High Court, progressing to the Court of Appeal (2005), the Presidency of the Court of Appeal (2006) and the Supreme Court (2010).

"It is a privilege to be leading this inquiry. All New Zealanders have the right to feel and be safe in their communities. The Royal Commission plays an important role in helping to prevent a tragedy like this ever happening here again."

JACQUI CAINE

MEMBER



Jacqui Caine (Ngāi Tahu, Kāti Māmoe, Waitaha) was New Zealand's Ambassador to Chile, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, and Bolivia, from 2015 to 2018.

Since February this year, she has been working for Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu.

Jacqui studied law and commerce at Otago University in New Zealand. She was a career diplomat and has had a number of roles in the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade including in the Trade Negotiations Division, Legal Division and Americas Division. Jacqui has also served as the Deputy Ambassador to Singapore and Mexico and Deputy High Commissioner to Vanuatu.

"New Zealand is a peaceful, welcoming country. We must do everything we can to keep our shores safe from acts of terror. I'm proud to contribute to this important work."

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