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New Chief Executive announced for Te Kāhui Tātari Ture | Criminal Cases Review Commission

Te Kāhui Tātari Ture | Criminal Cases Review Commission has appointed Parekawhia McLean as Chief Executive, Chief Commissioner Colin Carruthers said today.

"I am pleased to announce that Parekawhia McLean, who affiliates to Ngāti Mahanga-Hourua, Waikato and Ngāti Maniapoto, has been appointed for a period of five years," Mr Carruthers said.

"Parekawhia brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the role of Chief Executive.

Her background will serve as a real strength for Te Kāhui Tātari Ture.

"Her previous experience in Iwi, Crown entities and leading people will be invaluable to establishing the new entity in our justice system, and a real strength for Te Kāhui Tātari Ture."

"Parekawhia will lead a specialist group of investigators and legal experts who will review applications and investigate cases on behalf of Te Kāhui Tātari Ture," says Mr Carruthers.

The Commissioners warmly congratulate Parekawhia McLean on her appointment.

Te Kāhui Tātari Ture began receiving applications for review of convictions and sentences on 1 July 2020

Ms McLean is currently the Director of Strategy and Infrastructure at Counties Manukau District Health Board. Her previous roles include Chief Executive of Waikato-Tainui, New Zealand Transport Agency's Central North Island Regional Director and she has worked in Wellington in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and in Crown Entities.

Ms McLean starts with the Te Kāhui Tātari Ture | Criminal Cases Review Commission in early November.

Ms McLean's role includes supporting the Commissioners to oversee the review and investigation of convictions and sentences and decide whether to refer them to an appeal court; providing an outreach and education programme; and if required, undertake systemic inquiries.

More information on the Te Kāhui Tātari Ture | Criminal Cases Review Commission is available on the website – www.ccrc.nz.

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Parekawhia McLean

Parekawhia has over 20 years of public policy and public sector management experience including almost seven years as a Director and Consultant of her own company Mauriora-ki-te-Ao/Living Universe Ltd (MKTA) - a company dedicated to advancing the creative potential of Māori knowledge, people and resources.

She currently is a member of the leadership team for the Counties Manukau District Health Board as the Director of Strategy and Infrastructure. Previously she has been a regional director for NZTA and Chief Executive of Waikato-Tainui. Ms McLean holds a number of governance roles including Chair, Te Whakakitenga o Waikato.

Her governance experience includes roles with Waikato Regional Economic Development Group, Global Women's Forum, Strategic Advisory Panel to the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Crown Research Institute, Te Māngai Pāho (Māori Broadcasting Funding Agency); and as Director of Mighty River Power and Deputy Chair, Te Wānanga o Aotearoa (Māori Tertiary Education Institute).

One of her major achievements as a government official was the establishment of the Māori Television Service – where she was the lead Crown advisor at the time of its establishment.

Parekawhia spent almost six years as a strategic advisor working in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet alongside three Prime Ministers.

She has a Masters in Social Sciences from Waikato University and a Masters of Arts in Public Administration and Development Policy from the University of Wisconsin-USA.