

Register of Development Contribution Commissioners

Development Contributions Commissioners are appointed by the Minister of Local Government under section 199F of the Local Government Act 2002

Name	Location	Biography	Current term of appointment
Helen Atkins	Auckland	Helen Atkins is an environmental and local government law specialist at Atkins Homs Majurey law firm.	1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027
Richard Bax	Hamilton	Richard Bax is the director of Richard Bax Consulting, a civil engineering and management consultancy. He has managed various infrastructure projects for councils.	1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027
Loretta Lovell	Upper Hutt	Loretta Lovell is the director of Lovell & Associates Limited law firm. She has experience in commercial, public and iwi settlement law.	1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027
Phillip (Chris) Mitchell	Waikanae	Chris Mitchell is a lawyer, with a background in economics and resource management. He has specialised in local government matters, and has acted as an advisor to several councils, developers, and community groups.	1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027
Mark St Clair	Wellington	Mark St Clair is the principal and co-director of Hill Young Cooper Limited, a strategic resource management, and environmental policy and planning consultancy.	1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027
Gina Sweetman	Wellington	Gina Sweetman is a consultant of Sweetman Planning Services. She has experience with local government and Māori issues through her work as a planning and policy advisor in the public and private sector.	1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027