## Candidate Information Sheet

Development Contributions Commissioners 2019 appointment process

The Minister of Local Government (the Minister) is seeking nominations for positions on the Register of Development Contributions Commissioners (the Register).

**The Register**

The Register consists of Development Contributions Commissioners (Commissioners) appointed by the Minister under the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act). Commissioners are appointed for an initial term of three years and may be reappointed. The Minister is seeking to increase the diversity of representation on the Register and, in particular, seeks candidates with knowledge of tikanga and/or te Ao Māori.

Commissioners decide on objections lodged against territorial authorities’ decisions on development contributions. One to three commissioners can be selected to hear an objection.

Commissioners are reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses in carrying out their duties while they are engaged by a territorial authority. Remuneration is administered by the territorial authority in charge of the objection hearing. The Register is not subject to the requirements of the Cabinet Fees Framework.

**Skills and attributes required**

The key selection criteria under section 199F of the Act are:

* + knowledge and experience in adjudication and mediation, including the conduct of hearings or inquiries;
	+ knowledge, skills and experience relevant to the subject matter likely to arise in an objection; and
	+ knowledge of tikanga Māori and the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993.

The Minister considers that the following examples of knowledge and experience are relevant to the selection criteria above:

* + experience as a Resource Management Act 1991 hearings commissioner or chair;
	+ development contributions knowledge;
	+ skills or experience in arbitration;
	+ knowledge of te Ao Māori;
	+ understanding of the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993;
	+ engineering experience or knowledge;
	+ legal experience or knowledge;
	+ economics experience or knowledge; and
	+ local government planning experience or knowledge.

Any person nominated for appointment should provide a current curriculum vitae and a completed nomination form. They must also declare any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest. The Department of Internal Affairs may check the accuracy of any information provided.

Nominations should be emailed to Craig Press at the Department of Internal Affairs at Craig.Press@dia.govt.nz. Nominations must be received no later than **25 October 2019**.

Please note that any nomination provided will not necessarily result in an appointment.