

ABOUT THE OP RESPECT STEERING GROUP:

David Rutherford: Chief Commissioner, Human Rights Commission

David Rutherford was appointed Chief Human Rights Commissioner in September 2011. Prior to his appointment he was the managing director of Special Olympics Asia Pacific and based in Singapore. He has worked in the corporate world in New Zealand and Australia, including time as the Chief Executive of the New Zealand Rugby Union. He has also worked as a corporate, securities and commercial lawyer in New Zealand and Canada.

Superintendent Tusha Penny, National Manager Prevention, New Zealand Police

Superintendent Tusha Penny has played a pivotal role in the change management Police have gone through over recent years in respect of child protection and sexual violence. She is currently the National manager – Prevention, based at Police National Headquarters, working on a major Change programme within the family and sexual violence area – which she is passionate about.

Dale La Hood, Crown Prosecutor

Dale La Hood is a Senior Crown Prosecutor who has been dealing with sexual abuse cases for more than a decade. Mr La Hood was involved in prosecuting numerous cases connected to Operation Hope, the Police's response to concerns about the investigation of cases of historical sexual abuse by that organisation.

Yvette Tinsley, Associate Professor of Law, Victoria University of Wellington

Associate Professor Yvette Tinsley teaches and researches criminal law and justice, evidence, and the law and forensic science at Victoria University of Wellington. She was one of the primary researchers involved in juries research published by the New Zealand Law Commission, which received international recognition. Recent research funded by the Law Foundation focuses on pre-trial and trial processes for sexual violence offences.

Louise Nicholas, Victims Advocate

Louise Nicholas represents survivor perspectives in service development and the sexual violence and abuse services sector. She was voted NZ Herald's New Zealander of the Year in 2007 and was also placed in the top 10 as one of "New Zealand's Living Treasures". She was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit, in 2015.

Emma Powell, Head of Injury Prevention, Partnerships & Delivery, ACC

Emma Powell became the Head of Injury Prevention, Partnerships and Delivery at ACC in April 2015, having been their Strategy Manager for sexual violence for the preceding three years. She has been supporting the Defence Force's Sexual

Assault Prevention Management (SAPM) Governance team, as an external Subject Matter Expert, and by providing advice and resources for the NZDF's sexual ethics training module.