



Debra (Debbie) Ruth Birch – Candidate Profile Statement

I am very interested in the two-year Interim Trustee role. I believe I have the requisite skills and experience for this role, have a passion for Māori economic development and live locally. I operate with honesty and integrity and have a strong work ethic.

My whānau connection to Tūaropaki Trust is through my mother Wanda Millynn who succeeded to her shares from her grandfather, John Stevens Hartley. In addition, my engineer brother, Alister Millynn was a previous Associate Trustee.

My husband and I moved to Taupō last year from Wellington. My mother also relocated to Taupō from Auckland. Much of my early education was in Wellington, studied Chemistry at Victoria University and then Investment Analysis at Otago University. I spent more than 20 years in senior executive roles managing large global investment portfolios mainly in Asia and Australia.

I am currently a fulltime professional director and trustee with over 10 years' experience, and in that time have led a number of high-profile investment strategies and brought "best practice" into various commercial businesses. I can contribute in the following areas:

- Treasury including commodities, interest rate, foreign exchange, derivatives, banking, capital markets -execution, hedging, risk mitigation
- Investment strategies, polices and process -asset allocation, benchmarking
- Optimising performance of assets, divesting mature assets
- Audit & Risk, Health & Safety, People & Culture – legal and regulatory compliance

My portfolio of governance roles are: Director of Tourism Holdings Ltd; Ngāti Awa Group Holdings Ltd and subs; Raukawa ki te Tonga AHC Ltd; Taupo Moana Investments Ltd; Te Pūia Tāpapa GP Ltd; THR GP Ltd; and Eastland Group Ltd and subs. I am a member of the Capital Markets Advisory Committee which oversees the government's debt portfolio.