



Board Nominee – 2019

Carrie Stoddart-Smith (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Whātua, Te Roroa, Te Uri o Hau)



Carrie is an accomplished indigenous rights commentator who holds a Masters in International Law and Politics (LLM Hons). She has more than 10 years advisory and policy experience in the public sector and she has facilitated numerous cross agency workshops and meetings. Carrie has served as chairperson for four planning committees and as a member of more than 15 working groups across Māori development, trade, business, health, social wellbeing, justice, housing, rangatahi and international relations. She has a strong strategy and planning background and has project managed Ministerial led missions to six countries helping to establish culture-to-culture links with Māori.

Carrie has participated in a range of public discussions advocating for the rights and interests of indigenous and minority cultures alongside distinguished journalists, commentators, academics and current and former Ministers and Members of Parliament.

Carrie's commitment to human rights, justice and fairness links directly to her lived experience as Māori and to her work across the public sector. She sees the impact of social, cultural and economic inequities and injustice across our communities and considers Amnesty International Aotearoa New Zealand a critical organisation to challenging institutional bias, structural discrimination and harmful social attitudes that create and perpetuate those injustices.

Carrie's approach to her work and to human rights is underpinned by aroha ki te tangata (care and respect for all people), a tikanga that seeks for all people to feel whole, connected, valued and included.