

# Philip Brent WHEELER

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## QUALIFICATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS:

BA Geography, Diploma of Arts, First Class Honours, Ph.D Economic Geography (Otago)  
Member Institute of Finance Professionals New Zealand Inc. (INFINZ) Certified Securities  
Analysis Professional (CSAP), University of Otago Scholarship (1976), Commonwealth Medal for  
State Owned Enterprises and privatisation contributions (1990)

## CAPABILITIES

Experienced in Governance training and advice, expert testimony; negotiations; training; risk  
evaluation; transaction processes.

## POSITIONS AND EMPLOYMENT

### Currently:

Chair: Brent Wheeler Group Limited; Chair: Fertco Limited; Executive Chair: The Boardroom  
Practice Limited; Chair: Energy Mad Limited (Listed NZX); Independent Director: GO Rentals  
(Auckland) Limited; Chair: Tasman Pacific Insurance; Director: Munich Capital Limited

## MAJOR AREAS OF WORK

**Governance** – Design/review of governance Ashburton Trading Society; Westland Dairy Limited,  
Westpower Limited; Auckland Kindergarten Association; Tamaki Regeneration Company; Auckland  
City Mission; Office of Auditor General on Audit and Risk Committees; Auckland Council re Ports of  
Auckland. Succession planning Watercare Services Limited; Pacific Foundation, MFAT.

**Economic Analysis** –Expert Witness for Auckland Heliport; Watercare; Newmont Waihi; Kawerau  
Geothermal; Waikato River Consents. Analysis for NZ Food & Grocery Council. Economic  
development analysis Horowhenua DC; Whanganui DC; Taupo DC; Seafood NZ.

**Corporate Finance** – Tramcent Investment Group; Southern Pine Products; East Bay Finance;  
various bond issue evaluations.

**Valuation** – Independent valuations for corporate transactions, capital raising, spin offs, asset  
sales. Valuation Tracmap; Hightec Packaging; Auckland Railway Station; Fonterra EVA valuation  
for Shareholders Council; Asure Quality IP valuation; Allpress Group; Truescape Ltd. Commercial  
property valuations and rent reviews Auckland; WET NZ, Whanganui DC; GO Rentals Ltd, Energy  
Mad Ltd.

**Training** - Auckland Rugby League; Asian Business Leaders; Callaghan Innovation; Brightstar and Conferenz - Financial Modelling, Due Diligence, BNZ Growth Programme; Finance courses Singapore Airlines, public courses Asian Business Forum Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Thailand.

#### PREVIOUS CHAIR, DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS AND POSITIONS HELD:

**Chair:** Tainui Corporation Limited, Audit Sub-Committee, Watercare Services Limited, Fisheries Legislation Review Task Force, NZ Rail Restructuring Committee; **Director:** Watercare Services Limited, Provincial Finance Limited;

**Funds Manager:** Ward Black & Associates (Venture Capital); **Lead Negotiator:** SILNA Forestry Negotiators; **Member:** ECNZ Transition Team; Ministerial Review Group, Resource Management Bill, State Owned Enterprises Steering Committee; **NZ Delegate:** OECD Conf. Regulatory Reform, Montreal 1987; **Secretary:** OECD Conf. Regulatory Reform, Washington 1989; **Negotiator:** Tainui Maaori Trust Board 1992 -1995, Fisheries Cost Recovery Working Party 2006; **Research Assoc:** Centre for Maori Studies and Research University of Waikato; **Member:** Maori Land Investment Group (TPK); **Trustee:** Jesson Foundation

| PUBLIC & PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYMENT             |  |
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| <b>Private Sector</b><br>Current (1974 – 2017) | Part and full-time economic consulting since 1974; currently trading as Brent Wheeler Group Limited  |
| <b>Central Government</b><br>1987 – 1989       | Economic Analyst, State Owned Enterprises Unit, Office of Minister for State Owned Enterprises. Senior Economic Analyst, Economic Development Commission N.Z. Treasury |
| <b>Local Government</b><br>1982 – 1987         | Deputy City Planner, Senior Planning Officer, Planning Officer City Planning Department, Palmerston North City; Deputy Regional Planner, Manawatu United Council       |
| <b>Tertiary</b><br>1976 – 1982                 | Tutor, Senior Tutor – Otago, Massey – Economic Geography, Maths and Stats  |

## MAJOR GOVERNANCE EXPERIENCE

Brent has two forms of involvement in governance – one in the advisory and training work of the Boardroom Practice Limited (TBPL [www.boardroompractice.co.nz](http://www.boardroompractice.co.nz)) of which he is a Principal and shareholder, and as a Chair and director in several companies through Brent Wheeler Group Limited ([www.brentwheeler.com](http://www.brentwheeler.com)) which also provides advice and expert testimony on governance matters.

| Major Recent Projects and Involvement                |   |
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| Ashburton Trading Society (ATS)                      | Board review, training.   |
| Auckland Kindergarten Association                    | Review of Constitution, governance structures and processes, succession planning.   |
| Auckland City Mission                                | Board strategy, review and facilitation   |
| Tamaki Regeneration Company                          | Design and development structures & processes incl briefs for subcommittees   |
| BNZ Agribusiness, Regional Boards                    | Review, develop governance structures for BNZ high value primary sector clients, workshop facilitation  |
| Westland Milk Products                               | Board reviews 2015 and 2017, training, succession planning  |
| Development West Coast; Westpower; Jasmax Architects | Board reviews and advice re governance structure  |
| Auckland Rugby League & Carlaw Heritage Trust        | Remuneration and governance process review  |
| Smales Farm  | Review governance/board structure for retail and commercial complex. Involvement in establishing and identifying directors  |
| Creative Abilities                                   | Review and establish governance structure. Resolve management and employment issues, establish governance process   |
| West Auckland Licensing Trusts                       | Major review, legal and governance design 2012 and update   |
| Tait Electronics                                     | Review governance entities, processes on and off shore  |
| Satara   | Review and workshop facilitation  |
| CRI  | Review of IRL Ind Engagement programme, evaluation of future IRL challenges   |
| Eastland Group, Community Trust                      | Review of governance arrangements and monitoring, financial instruments portfolio, asset allocation   |
| Fiji Native Lands Trust Board                        | Advisory project providing recommendations on governance  |
| Air Ambulance Rescue Trust                           | Review of governance arrangements Rescue Helicopter service   |
| Expert Testimony                                     | High Court case involving reckless trading by directors in company in receivership  |
| Provincial Finance Ltd                               | Appointed to board 90 days prior to receivership; worked as active director following receivership devising solutions for debenture stockholders and shareholders |
| Training   | University of Otago professional development for business programmes; Auckland University Governance Short Courses; Callaghan Innovation                          |

## FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON REQUEST OR ON WEBSITE

Main areas of interest and work, publications, discussion Papers and Reports on governance:  
<http://www.brentwheeler.com/> and <https://www.boardroompractice.co.nz/>