

**Presenter Profile** 

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Linda Te Aho is the Associate Dean Māori at Te Piringa Faculty of Law, University of Waikato. Linda researches and teaches Māori and Indigenous legal issues, including Māori Land Law and Indigenous Peoples' Rights at undergraduate level, and Māori Claims Processes and Māori and Indigenous Governance at graduate level.

Linda has presented nationally and internationally on a range of Māori and Indigenous legal issues. In September 2013 Linda was invited to present on the Review of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act at the Māori Agribusiness & Primary Industries Conference in Rotorua, and earlier in the year chaired the 12th Annual Māori Legal Forum at Te Papa in Wellington, also providing an update on issues relating to ownership, governance and management of freshwater. Linda was appointed by her iwi of Waikato-Tainui as a guardian mandated under the 2010 settlement for the co-management of the Waikato River ecosystem to develop the long term vision for its holistic restoration.

Linda is currently the lead negotiator for Ngāti Koroki Kahukura Treaty Claims and provides specialist advice on Treaty of Waitangi claims and Post-Settlement Governance issues to a number of iwi and hapū and has carried out commissioned research for Crown agencies and government departments.

Linda chairs the governance group for a targeted review of Māori governance qualifications being carried out jointly by Te Wānanga o Aotearoa and the New Zealand Qualifications Authority.