

## News Release

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### **ANZ appoints new Head of Te Ao Māori Strategy**

ANZ Bank New Zealand has appointed Karleen Everitt as Te Kaitohu Rautaki Māori (Head of Te Ao Māori Strategy), a newly-created role to lead the direction of ANZ's Te Ao Māori strategy.

Ms Everitt will work closely with the New Zealand Leadership Team, wider leadership teams, Head of Māori Business, and Māori and Pasifika Affinity Group to shape the future Te Ao Māori strategy of ANZ.

Ms Everitt joins ANZ from Manaaki Solutions where she has been CEO since 2006. She has worked at a national level in the Māori economic space and prior to that worked in the health sector planning and funding Maori health services, mental health and primary health policy, and held finance roles in the commercial sector.

She has served on a number of boards and trusts across New Zealand and is currently deputy chair of the Queen Victoria and St Stephens Trust Board. Karleen was the first Māori woman to Chair Northland's economic development agency, Northland Inc.

"Karleen will play a vital role providing leadership on how ANZ can play a stronger role in building stronger economic participation for Māori and increasing the cultural capabilities of ANZ as it relates to tikanga Māori," said ANZ CEO Antonia Watson.

"She will work across ANZ NZ to shape our Te Ao Māori strategy, deliver initiatives that will have a meaningful impact for Māori communities and implement our vision of a strong partnership with Māori."

Ms Everitt, who affiliates with Te Iwi Mōrehu, Te Aupōuri, and Ngāpuhi Nui Tonu, has a Masters in Management and Post Graduate Diploma in Māori Management from the University of Auckland, and has attended the University of Virginia's Darden Business School.

Ms Everitt began her role on Monday 14 June.

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