

Hon Heather Roy

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In addition to being a director and principal of TorquePoint Ltd and 2 Black Swans Limited, Heather Roy is a professional director and Chair of the New Zealand Advertising Standards Authority, Utilities Disputes Ltd (formerly the Electricity and Gas Complaints Commissioner Scheme, Foxplan Ltd (financial services) as well as the Security and Reliability Council of NZ's Electricity Authority. Heather and her business partner, Simon Ewing-Jarvie, have two companies. **TorquePoint** specialises in disruptive strategy and simulation – from Business War Games used to develop and test plans through to experiential learning programmes. **Black Swans** is a member-based organisation that provides 'players' (competitors, regulators, consumers, media etc) exclusively for TorquePoint business war games.

A former Member of Parliament, Heather was elected in July 2002 and retired in November 2011. During her 3 terms, she was a Minister of the Crown from Nov 2008 until August 2010 - Minister of Consumer Affairs, Associate Minister of Defence and Associate Minister of Education. From 2006 -2010 she was Deputy Leader of the ACT party and party whip.

Heather was also a Reservist in the NZ Army. She joined the army as a Field Engineer in 2006 and was a commissioned officer in the New Zealand Defence Force Headquarters until April 2016.

Physiotherapy was Heather's earlier career, working both in New Zealand and the United Kingdom. In the 1990s, she was a Clinical Trial Coordinator for a number of pharmaceutical companies involved in multi-national trials. Heather also set up the position of Manager of a private kindergarten and was the Publicity Officer for the New Zealand Portrait Gallery in 2001. She has undertaken many voluntary roles and committee positions associated with her children's schooling and sporting activities – great places to learn the difference between governance and management! Heather has also tried her hand at fundraising, being the Gala Convenor for 8 years at the primary school her children attended.

Heather is married to Duncan and they have 5 children. They live in Wellington. In her leisure time, she likes to play the piano and enjoy the outdoors - especially tramping and boating. She is an enthusiastic latecomer to New Zealand's most popular outdoor pursuit, fishing. To date, the fish are winning.

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