



Donna Awatere-Huata

Ruminations of 40 years

Donna will share a brief insight into 40 years relating to her experience in Māori education, sovereignty business and politics.

Former Act MP Donna Awatere-Huata was born in Rotorua, and is of Te Arawa and Ngāti Porou descent. She is currently running Albany-based correspondence school The Learning Post, and is also general manager of education for west Auckland's Te Whānau o Waipareira Trust, which has acquired the centre. From the 1970s Donna became involved in the Māori protest movement. In 1984 she published Māori Sovereignty, which became a key text in the Māori protest movement. She then became a biculturalism consultant, and in 1996 entered parliament as a List MP for the Act Party. Although her primary area of study was education, particularly educational psychology, she has also undertaken study in Opera singing and Film Production.