



Hon Shane Jones

Māori Political Leadership

It is regularly noted that the number of Māori political representatives has increased numerically. However has this growth improved Māori outcomes in the parliamentary process? How has it changed political culture? Has the emergence of a Māori party given a new style of leadership and a new rank of role models? Shane will share his experiences as select committee chairman, former minister and current opposition spokesman.

Shane Jones is a law graduate of Auckland and Victoria Universities, and of the University of Western Australia. He completed a MPA at Harvard University as a recipient of the Harkness Fellowship. Mr Jones entered Parliament in 2005 as a member of the Labour Government. He has served as Chair of the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee and in Cabinet as Minister of Building at Construction. Since Labour's return to Opposition in 2008 he is spokesperson for economic development and the environment.

Mr Jones comes from the Far North of New Zealand. His tribal links are to Te Aupouri, Ngai Takoto, and he also has Welsh and Dalmatian heritage.