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Sir Don McKinnon is Appointed Patron to Transparency International New Zealand

Transparency International today announced that one of New Zealand's most respected public figures Sir Don McKinnon has agreed to become its Patron.

Sir Don McKinnon is a former Secretary General of the Commonwealth, as well as having served as New Zealand's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

In accepting this position, Sir Don is continuing a long tradition of being highly involved in the Pacific, with the Commonwealth and his particular emphasis on supporting "good governance".

"We are excited to welcome Sir Don to the position as Patron to Transparency International New Zealand. We applaud his commitment New Zealand and its place in the wider world, to human rights and good governance as the most effective antidotes to corruption." said Transparency International New Zealand's Chairperson Suzanne Snively.

"We are working to strengthen Transparency International chapters throughout the Pacific. Sir Don's involvement comes at a crucial point in this process, given his experience and his standing in the wider Pacific region. We expect Sir Don to provide wisdom to help shape the direction and activities of TINZ as we continue to champion transparency throughout New Zealand, the Pacific and the world."

Sir Don said he was delighted to be assisting Transparency International.

"Transparency International is a respected organisation that works to encourage high standards of governance in organisations throughout the world," Sir Don said.

Transparency International New Zealand's vision is to create a world with trusted integrity systems in which government, politics, business, civil society and the daily lives of people are free of corruption.

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Notes to editors:

1. Transparency International is the global civil society coalition leading the fight against corruption - <http://www.transparency.org/>.
2. **About Transparency International New Zealand:**
Transparency International New Zealand (TINZ) is the local chapter of the global organisation - <http://www.transparency.org.nz/>. TINZ works to actively promote the highest levels of transparency, accountability, integrity and public participation in government and civil society in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.
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