

About the authors

Dr Emma Davies has worked for 20 years in the interface between research, practice and policy in government and non-government sectors. In 2007-9, she ran the Auckland Office of the Children's Commissioner. As Principal Advisor, she worked with councils on a range of social development initiatives including child-impact reporting, child prostitution and family violence. This followed her secondment to the Ministry of Social Development as a Principal Analyst for the Taskforce for Action on Violence in Families, where she translated research into policy advice. She is currently ADHB's representative on the Advisory Group for the evaluation of the Tamaki Transformation Programme. Emma returned to AUT in March 09 to take up the position of Programme Director – Social Development at the Institute of Public Policy.

Elizabeth Rowe has been the Director of *Elizabeth Rowe Consulting* since January 2001, specialising in social policy advice, research and evaluation and management. In 2008 Elizabeth researched and wrote the report on social wellbeing in the Auckland region for the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance. The report was adopted by the Commission as the basis of its recommendations to the Government. Elizabeth has held senior positions in the New Zealand and New South Wales Public Services. These have included Assistant Commissioner, State Services Commission; Chief Executive of the NZ Ministry of Women's Affairs; Director, Policy, in the NSW Department for Women; General Manager of the New Zealand Social Policy Agency; Establishment Chief Executive of the Families Commission; and Associate Deputy Chief Executive in the Ministry of Social Development.

David Wilson is the Director of the Institute of Public Policy at AUT, Director of IPP's Economic Development Centre and programme leader for the Graduate Diploma in Economic Development. He has a Masters Degree in Public Policy where his research centred on regional economic development. He is currently a PhD candidate working on an international comparative study of city-regions and economic development. David was a member of the governance group and a member of the International review team that produced the 'Metro report' for the Metro Project team in Auckland. David has an extensive business background including sales and marketing, product management, strategic business unit management to owning and operating his own successful retail business for 17 years. He is currently an alternate member of the Auckland Regional Economic Development Forum, a board member for Towns and Cities NZ, a fellow of the Economic Development Association of New Zealand and a strategic partner to the Auckland Regional Economic Development Association.

Rex Hewitt has an extensive knowledge of local government and Non Government Organisations both in New Zealand and the UK. He was an Assistant Director of Social Services for six years and involved in local government reorganisation in Wales. As Chief Executive of the UK charity Turning Point he worked closely with government, local authorities and health services on the design and delivery of drug, alcohol and mental services. He also acted as the interim chief executive for two London based regeneration organisations aimed at improving social, economic and environmental outcomes for communities. Rex is currently employed by Manukau City Council as a Senior Policy Advisor for Children, Young People and Families. In this role he has been active in devel-

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Tony Spelman is involved in tribal management for his Iwi Ngati Hikairo in Kawhia as Secretary of Te Runanganui o Ngati Hikairo. He is also involved in a Mangere community education and employment organisation as Chair of the Board of METTCi (Mangere Education and Technical Training Incorporated). Tony has worked on the development process that led up the May 2004 Hui in Hamilton, was a member of the Transition Team for Tangata Whenua along with Atareta Poananga. He was the Tangata Whenua Co-Chair of the Community Sector Taskforce. In the Health sector Tony is a Community Participant in the credentialing process for Counties Manukau District Health Board Clinicians. Since 1984 Tony has worked in the field of Human Resources and Organisation Development within the Public Sector and since 1990 has worked with the Treaty of Waitangi in the life and work of Public Sector organisations, in both central and local government. Before that Tony worked for the Manukau City Council, as Manager of Governance and Democracy looking at the question of how communities participate in the affairs of local government as well as the effective development of sustainable Tiriti/Treaty relationships with Mana/Tangata Whenua. Tony is currently Interim Director of Maori Studies at Manukau Institute of Technology.