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Bios for Recommended Independent Investigators

Bruce Robertson

Bruce is engaged extensively on a wide range of governance matters within the local government sector. He is independent Chair or Deputy Chair of a number of council Audit and Risk Committees.

His advisory work includes advice on sensitive issues such as managing conflicts of interest and he is a recognised facilitator of governance workshops. His advisory work extends to advice and work on Codes of Conduct.

He is a CouncilMARK assessor and formerly an Assistant Auditor-General.

Robert Buchanan

Robert is a Wellington-based public law and governance specialist. He is highly experienced in carrying out independent reviews and investigations, including in the local government sector. He served as an Assistant Auditor-General from 1998 to 2006, and oversaw the OAG's work under the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act during that period. He was also involved in developing the OAG's guidance on codes of conduct under the Local Government Act.

In more recent times, Robert has worked as a probity adviser on significant local government procurements, and undertaken several governance-related reviews and inquiries in the sector. He was recently appointed to be an assessor under LGNZ's CouncilMARK programme.