



9 March 2022

Minister of Foreign Affairs

For action by

14 March 2022

Ambassador for Gender Equality (Pacific)

BRIEFING Decision Submission

PURPOSE Appointment of Louisa Wall to the role of Ambassador for Gender Equality (Pacific).

Tukunga tūtohua – Recommended referrals

Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs

For information by

14 March 2022

Taipitopito whakapā – Contact details

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Andrew Needs	Deputy Secretary	Pacific and Development Group	

Mā te Tari Minita e whakakī – Minister's Office to complete

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Noted	<input type="checkbox"/> Referred
<input type="checkbox"/> Needs amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Declined	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
<input type="checkbox"/> Overtaken by events	<input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's notes	

Comments

Pito matua – Key points

- Lifting our engagement on reducing inequality in the Pacific, with a particular focus on gender and LGBTQI+ equality, is an important pillar in Aotearoa's New Zealand's commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goals 5 and 10¹.
- We see merit in establishing a senior advocacy role that focusses on the full and effective participation by women and LGBTQI+ and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life in the Pacific.
- Within our International Development Cooperation programmes we have identified two areas that have ring-fenced funding where we require dedicated leadership to identify partnerships and initiate new activities:
 - a) Increasing political participation by women and LGBTQI+ in the Pacific; and
 - b) Pacific sports diplomacy, with a focus on women and girls.
- The work required is fixed-term in nature, with a focus on developing partnerships and the establishment of new programmes. Towards the end of a two-year term MFAT will review progress against the the agreed objectives for the role, to confirm its completion.
- This role requires someone with mana, understanding of political and parliamentary processes, experience in advocacy, and knowledge of gender, womens ledership, LGBTQI+ issues and sports diplomacy. For this reason it is proposed a direct appointment be made to the role.
- Following our discussions with you, it is proposed Louisa Wall be appointed as an Ambassador for Gender Equality (Pacific) or 'Tuia Tangata'. This would be a fixed term role for two years, commencing in March 2022, reporting to the Deputy Secretary, Pacific and Development Group.
- A Position Description for the role 'Ambassador for Gender Equality (Pacific)/Tuia Tangata' has been provided to your office for information.



Chris Seed
Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

¹ Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries

Tūtohu – Recommendations

It is recommended that you:

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| 1 | Note the establishment of a fixed term role ‘Ambassador for Gender Equality (Pacific)’ or ‘Tuia Tangata’ to support Aotearoa New Zealand’s implementation of SDG Goals 5 and 10 in the Pacific region. | Yes / No |
| 2 | Agree to the appointment of Louisa Wall as the Ambassador for Gender Equality (Pacific) or ‘Tuia Tangata’ for a period of two years starting on 28 March 2022. | Yes / No |

Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Minister of Foreign Affairs / Minita Take Aorere

Date: / /