

# THE PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION

## Principal/Senior Researcher

Help achieve New Zealand's productivity potential



The New Zealand Productivity Commission - Te Kōmihana Whai Hua o Aotearoa - is an independent Crown entity that provides advice to Government on ways to improve productivity to support the wellbeing of New Zealanders. We carry out productivity-related research, conduct in-depth inquiries on topics selected by Government, and undertake a range of activities to promote better understanding of productivity issues.

Our independence, and our reputation for high-quality analysis and meaningful engagement, puts the Commission in a unique position to influence public policy debates. We aim to provide insightful, well-informed and accessible advice that leads to improved economic, social and environmental outcomes for New Zealanders. Our work to date has contributed to significant policy reform.

**Key selection criteria: We are looking for an experienced principal/senior researcher for a position within our Economics and Research team. You need to have extensive knowledge of and experience with a range of quantitative research and/or evaluation approaches and methodologies. You would have empirical skills and experience with using large linked administrative datasets, such as the Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI) or the Longitudinal Business Database (LBD). You should have a postgraduate qualification in economics.**

The role offers an opportunity to:

- help shape an independent research programme relating to major issues impacting on the wellbeing of New Zealanders;
- provide input to and influence our inquiries;
- work closely with Commissioners and other leaders in academia, government and business;
- build a strong publication record;
- work in a collegial environment that values new ideas and ways of thinking; and
- work with leaders that will mentor your career and provide opportunities for growth.

The quality of our people is critical to our success. Our people have stellar research, analysis and writing skills, and can turn high-quality analysis into influential policy advice. In turn, we offer an intellectually stimulating, supportive and family friendly workplace.

**If you are looking for an opportunity to influence and raise the quality of public debate and policy about the things that matter to New Zealanders, please send a CV and an expression of interest addressing the key selection criteria to [careers@productivity.govt.nz](mailto:careers@productivity.govt.nz).**

**Applications close 6 September 2019. A copy of the position description can be found at [www.productivity.govt.nz/about-us/careers](http://www.productivity.govt.nz/about-us/careers).**

**For further information, feel free to contact our Director of Economics and Research:  
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