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## **Board appointments to Landcorp**

Former Invercargill MP and farmer Eric Roy has been appointed to the board of directors of Landcorp Farming Limited. Landcorp's acting chairman, Traci Houpapa, has been reappointed to the position fulltime.

Mr Roy spent two decades serving Southland as an electorate and list MP for the National Party. He retired from Parliament last year. He was appointed a Companion of the Queen's Service Order for services as a Member of Parliament in the 2015 New Year Honours.

Mr Roy has a long involvement in the primary sector and currently farms two properties in Te Anau and leases a holding in the Hokonui Hills.

Ms Houpapa was appointed to the Landcorp board in May 2010 and has held the acting chairman role since May 2014. She holds a number of directorships and ministerial appointments and chairs the Federation of Maori Authorities, Te Uranga B2 Incorporation and the National Advisory Council for the Employment of Women. Earlier this year Ms Houpapa was named by Westpac as one of New Zealand's top five Women Powerbrokers for Executive Management.

Both appointments commenced on 1 May 2015.

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**Notes for editors**

### About Landcorp

Landcorp Farming Limited is a leader in New Zealand agriculture and strives for best practice in dairy, sheep, beef and deer farming, for sustainable use of resources and continuous improvement in livestock genetics and farm systems. Landcorp is a State Owned Enterprise and one of New Zealand's largest farming organisations, with 140 properties.