



David Clarke
Chief Commissioner

David is the Chief Commissioner and Board Chair of the Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) in New Zealand. TAIC is an organisation dedicated to enhancing safety and New Zealand's economic prosperity through safer transport systems that support commerce and trade in New Zealand's aviation, rail, and maritime transport sectors. TAIC's core mission is to investigate and report on accidents and incidents, without assigning blame, to drive meaningful improvements in transport systems nationally and internationally.

Through analysis and transparent reporting, TAIC provides insights and recommendations to regulators and key stakeholders, helping to shape a safer, more resilient transport network that supports New Zealand's economy, trade, and public well-being.

David is a senior lawyer with three decades of experience in litigation, corporate, and commercial law. He has advised both private and listed companies and public sector organisations and has served in governance roles across commercial, public, and charitable sectors. David was appointed to the Board of TAIC in 2022 and became Chief Commissioner in 2024.