

**NEW ZEALAND  
1990 COMMISSION**

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***The Patrons***

*His Excellency the Most Reverend Sir Paul Reeves GCMG GCVO  
Governor-General*

*Rt Hon David Lange  
Prime Minister*

*Hon Jim Bolger  
Leader of the Opposition*

*Te Arikinui Dame Te Atairangikaahu*

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***The Members of The Commission***

*Hon Dr Michael Bassett  
(Chairman)*

*Sir Ronald Scott  
(Deputy Chairman)*

*Mr Peter Boag*

*Miss Louisa Crawley*

*Ms Sharon Crosbie*

*Dr Bruce Gregory MP*

*Ms Samantha Johnson*

*Mr Maurits Kelderman*

*Hon Jim McLay*

*Mrs June Mariu*

*Sir Keith Sinclair*

*Mr Bill Steele*

*Mr Rangi Te Maiharoa*

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***The 1990 Year***

1990 is a milestone year in the history of New Zealand, marking as it will:

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- 1,000 years of known habitation of these islands and 200 years of European settlement

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  - The 150th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi

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  - The 150th anniversary of both Auckland and Wellington cities

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  - The 100th anniversary of New Zealand's modern electoral system - one man, one vote - and the 97th year of one woman, one vote

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  - 100 years of the establishment of solidarity of the Union movement

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  - 100 years since the beginnings of the welfare state

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  - The 75th anniversary of the Anzac Gallipoli landings

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## ***The Commission's Status***

In December 1987, Cabinet established the 1990 Commission under the chairmanship of the Minister of Internal Affairs Hon Dr Michael Bassett.

The thirteen eminent New Zealanders appointed by Cabinet form the Commission's Board. It has decided to establish two standing committees and five advisory groups. These will comprise a mix of Commissioners and co-opted members.

Steps are now being taken to establish a separate legal entity for the Commission so that it can enter into contracts in its own right.

## ***The Commission's Funding***

A detailed budget proposal has been submitted to Cabinet. It spans the period up to the end of 1990, with a short run-over period for the winding up of the Commission's activities. It is intended that 1990 events will be funded in part by Government, and in part by private sector sponsorship and merchandising.

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## *The Mission Statement*

On 4 March 1988 the Commission adopted the following Mission Statement.

“ The central task of the 1990 Commission is to initiate activities and enable events to occur in that year which will encourage the participation of the maximum number of New Zealanders in ways which will:

- highlight and celebrate the natural advantages of the nation;
- increase awareness of the pleasure in the inheritance from cultures which make up our society (eg: the inheritance of language, literature, music, art, the built environment, etc.);
- illuminate and increase understanding and appreciation of alternative points of view and different cultural backgrounds;
- encourage activities which will improve harmony, goodwill and tolerance within society to assist in building a better society for the future, thus improving the quality of life of all New Zealanders;
- ensure that the Treaty of Waitangi has a central focus in 1990 and for society henceforth and thus to encourage much greater understanding of the Treaty- in particular to increase the understanding of both the rights and responsibilities of the two parties which are bound together by the Treaty;
- increase the opportunities for sharing and partnership between all New Zealanders; and:
- encourage thinking about and planning for the next 50 years so as to lay a better foundation for the future.”

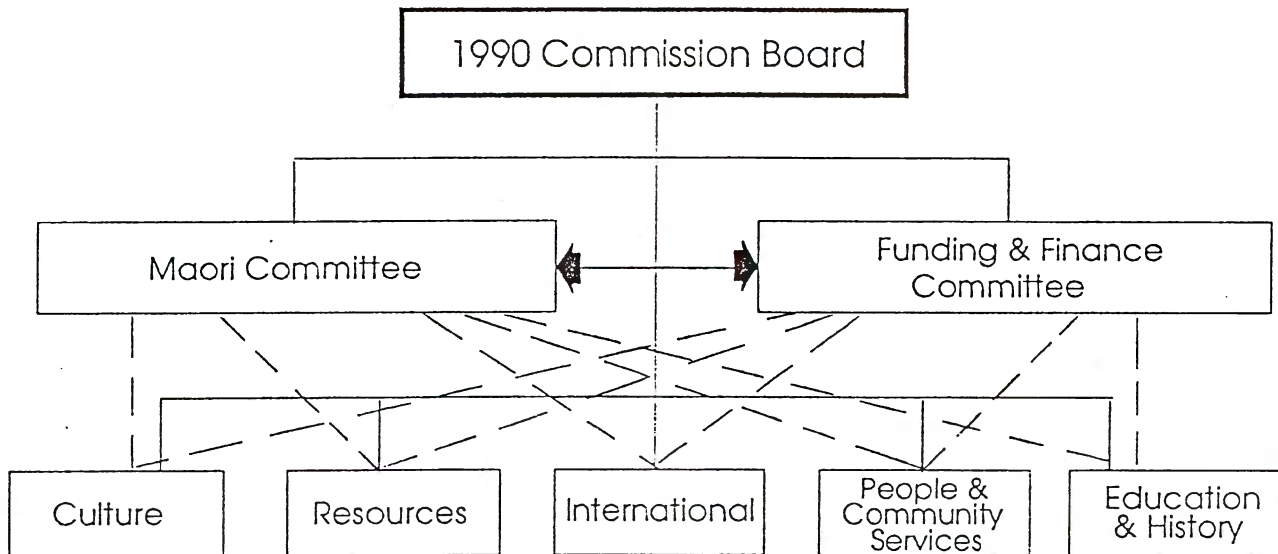
It reflects the broad objectives initially set out by Cabinet.



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## *The Structure*



## *The Standing Committees*

### Maori Standing Committee

This committee will need to consider all proposals coming before the Commission which may have implications for Māori people. It is also envisaged that it will be pro-active in encouraging proposals from Māori communities. It will need to be concerned to ensure that everything done in 1990 takes into account proper recognition of the Treaty partnership entered into in 1840.

### Funding & Finance Committee

This committee is seen as having two main roles. The first is to act as the Commission's financial watchdog, considering the financial viability of all major proposals and monitoring the Commission's expenditure and commitments. Secondly, its task is to assist in raising sponsorship for appropriate activities associated with 1990. It should be able to match proposals for funding to suitable sponsors.

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## ***The Advisory Groups***

1. **Cultural Advisory Group**

Dealing with all proposals concerning the arts and culture (including ethnic arts and culture), literature, recreation and sport.

2. **Resources Advisory Group**

Dealing with all proposals concerning primary and secondary industries, science and technology, tourism, environment.

3. **International Advisory Group**

Dealing with all proposals concerning major international visits and events, and the overseas projection of New Zealand 1990.

4. **People and Community Advisory Group**

Dealing with all proposals concerning family, church, youth, voluntary services, the aged, and local events.

5. **Education and History**

Dealing with all proposals concerning pre-school, primary, secondary and tertiary education, historical projects, and all non-fiction writing

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## *The Senior Executives*

Chief Executive	Mr Don Hutchings	- Auckland based
Executive Director	Mr Tony Holman	- Auckland based
Executive Director	Mr Bob Cater	- Wellington based

As at March 1988, other executive staff have yet to be engaged. They will include a regional co-ordinator for the South Island based in Christchurch.

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