



# Treasury Guest Lecture with the New Zealand Productivity Commission



Guest Lecturers: Prof. Gail Pacheco and Dr. Philip Stevens

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Level 3

1 The Terrace

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## Productivity by the numbers

### Abstract

#### Summary

Productivity matters for wellbeing. Achieving higher productivity – producing more with what we have (people, knowledge, skills, produced capital, and natural resources) – means there is more to go around for current and future generations. Yet New Zealand's productivity record is poor. At this lecture, the New Zealand Productivity Commission will look at the relationship between productivity and wellbeing, dig into the numbers behind New Zealand's ailing productivity, and look at priority actions to lift New Zealand's productivity.

**Following the lecture will be a discussion with panellists Simon Wakeman from Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, and Bryan Chapple from the Treasury.**

### About the presenters

#### **Prof. Gail Pacheco, Commissioner at the New Zealand Productivity Commission and Director of the NZ Work Research Institute at AUT**

Gail is an applied econometrician with a passion for evidence-based analysis, particularly in the labour and health fields. Gail has extensive experience leading large-scale, multi-institutional funded projects, focused on research with high policy-relevance. Evidence of the policy impact of her work is highlighted by being the 2018 recipient of the NZIER Economics Award that recognises "outstanding contributions to the advancement of economics and its applications in NZ". In 2019, she also received the AUT Medal (AUT's top award) for her research, scholarship and application of integrated data to help inform social policy and wellbeing.

#### **Dr. Philip Stevens, Economics & Research Director, New Zealand Productivity Commission**

Philip is an economist with twenty-years' experience of economic and social research in the university, independent and public sectors. Philip has published in leading peer-reviewed international journals on subjects such as: productivity analysis; employment; competition; evaluation; the measurement of performance in the public sector; broadband; R&D and human capital.

### More information

Read the Commission's publication:

[\*Productivity by the numbers\*](#)

