

# 2025 MIPS Seminar Program

 12 Mar 2025  12:00 pm to 1:00 pm  LT3

## A FRONT ROW SEAT: LESSONS LEARNED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE, POLICY, AND POLITICS

### Professor Dame Juliet Gerrard



Dame Juliet Gerrard trained at Oxford and moved to New Zealand in 1993. Her research career has been broad and interdisciplinary, centred on protein science. She is currently a professor at the University of Auckland (based across the Faculties of Science and Engineering).

From 2018-2024 Juliet served as the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor to three Prime Ministers (Jacinda Ardern, Chris Hipkins, Chris Luxon) during a tumultuous time. She provided science advice on a broad range of topics, including plastics, cannabis, AI in healthcare and food waste. She also had

a front row seat during three emergencies - the Christchurch mosque shooting, the volcanic eruption of Whakaari | White Island, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

She will reflect on her experience as the Chief Science Advisor during the seminar.