

# Nominations are invited for two new Expert Advisory Panel members

The State Services Commission (SSC) is looking for two people to join New Zealand's Open Government Partnership Expert Advisory Panel (EAP).

The [EAP](#) is a six-member panel that helps SSC with development, implementation and evaluation of the commitments in New Zealand's National Action Plans.

As an EAP member, you will work collectively with other members to:

- monitor the progress and implementation of New Zealand's [National Action Plan 2018-2020](#);
- help develop the next Open Government National Action Plan (2020-22)
- provide advice on how SSC can best raise public awareness of the [Open Government Partnership](#), New Zealand's commitments and the principles of open government.

The EAP's Terms of Reference is available [here](#).

The EAP meets every three months during implementation of National Action Plans and monthly during development of plans.

## Selection criteria

Ideally, nominees will have:

- An understanding of what open government means in New Zealand.
- A demonstrated ability to engage broad and diverse community networks.
- An understanding of the Open Government Partnership and what New Zealand's membership entails.
- Knowledge and/or experience of programme design, delivery and evaluation.
- Knowledge and/or experience of public engagement and how it can best be used to develop and improve policy design, delivery and evaluation.

The EAP should be made up of members that broadly reflect the diversity of the New Zealand population.

Māori, Pasifika, young New Zealanders and people from regional New Zealand are particularly encouraged to apply.

We are also interested in people with expertise in specific areas of open government, such as digital engagement.

Applications are open to people who reside in New Zealand.

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## Nominations

Send your nomination to [ogpnz@ssc.govt.nz](mailto:ogpnz@ssc.govt.nz) by 5pm Monday 8 April 2019.

We need:

- A CV (no longer than four pages). Please ensure your CV includes your full name, phone number, email and residential address.
- A cover letter (no longer than two pages) explaining why you or your candidate is interested in joining the EAP; open government experience/skills; any potential/actual conflicts of interest. You can use the selection criteria (above) to help prioritise important skills and experience in this letter.

## Selection process

SSC will contact people nominated by others to confirm their interest in being on the EAP.

SSC will individually rank completed nominations across the selection criteria described above to help decide on a shortlist. The longlist of candidates, suggested shortlist and assessment of each shortlisted candidate will be provided to all current EAP members for feedback.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview with SSC and a current EAP member (by phone or video conference, if required).

Shortlisted candidates will be asked for names of two referees. SSC will complete reference checks of the shortlisted candidates.

After the interviews, reference checks and final deliberations, SSC will document the reasons for its recommendations and communicate the names and details of preferred shortlisted candidates to the EAP for consideration and confirmation of two preferred candidates.

The State Services Commissioner will appoint the successful candidates on the recommendation of the current EAP and SSC officials. If the EAP and SSC officials are unable to reach a unanimous decision on a preferred candidate, the State Services Commissioner will make the final appointment decision.

The new EAP members will be notified by letter of appointment.

If you have any questions about the selection process or if you'd like to find out more about how the EAP works, please contact SSC's Open Government Partnership team at [ogpnz@ssc.govt.nz](mailto:ogpnz@ssc.govt.nz).