



New Zealand Institute of Chemistry

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A Front Row Seat – Science Advice in Emergencies

Professor Dame Juliet Gerrard FRSNZ, HonFRSC
Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor

Thursday 8th December, 5:15 PM, Ernest Rutherford Rm140

AGM from 5:00 PM

Drinks and Nibbles from 4:30 PM

In this talk, Juliet will share insights into her role as Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor over the last three years, focusing in particular on how the role has adapted during a series of national crises that required input from the science community.

Juliet trained at Oxford University and moved to Aotearoa in 1993. In 2018, following a stellar career of academic and governance achievements, Juliet was appointed as the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor, *Kaitohutohu Mātanga Pūtaiao Matua ki te Pirimia*. She has supported the science and science advisor community to provide advice to the PM, ministers and the public on a wide range of topics, including advice on the Christchurch mosque shootings, the response to the Whakaari | White Island eruption, the Cannabis referendum and the Covid-19 pandemic. In 2019, the Office released a major report, *Rethinking Plastics in Aotearoa New Zealand*, which created a vision for a new relationship with plastic.



All are very welcome to come along and meet the speaker