

New Zealand Broadcast Commissioners List

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Spada has created this resource to help producers connect with the right commissioner for their projects. This document is updated regularly, however please message comms@spada.co.nz if you know of any changes that we've missed.

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- Aaron Dolbel – Commissioner Factual & Entertainment: Aaron.Dolbel@tvnz.co.nz
- Wirihana Takuirā - Manutaki Māori: Wirihana.Takuirā@tvnz.co.nz
- Sondiyp Singh – Assistant Commissioner: Sondiyp.Singh@tvnz.co.nz

Whakaata Māori

- General Submissions: proposals@whakaatamaori.co.nz
- Ngatapa Black - Tumu Pāpāho, Head of Content Curation
- Maria Barlow - Kaiurungi Pāpāho, Director of Content & Audience Engagement
- Jaime Smith - (Whakahaere Rauhi Paepāho) Platforms Editorial Manager
- Joe Whitehead - (Kaikōmihana) Commissioner
- Marama Jones - (Kaikōmihana) Commissioner

Sky Originals (Commissioners for Sky Open, Sky Pay, THREE, THREEnow, Neon)

- Tina McLaren - Senior Commissioner: Tina.McLaren@sky.co.nz
- Rob Brown – Senior Producer & Commissioner: Rob.Brown@sky.co.nz
- Shelley Quinn – Senior Commissioner: Rob.Brown@sky.co.nz
- Nick Ward – Senior Non-scripted Commissioner: Nick.Ward@sky.co.nz
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