

Members of the Electric Vehicle Programme Leadership Group:

	<p>Peter Mersi, Secretary for Transport – Chair</p> <p>Peter Mersi was appointed as Secretary for Transport and Chief Executive of the Ministry of Transport in July 2016.</p> <p>Peter was the Chief Executive of Land Information New Zealand for four years prior to this role and has spent the majority of his career in the Public Service.</p> <p>Peter has held senior leadership roles in Inland Revenue, the Treasury and spent six months as Acting Secretary for Internal Affairs.</p>
	<p>Mike Underhill, Chief Executive, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA)</p> <p>Mike Underhill is Chief Executive of EECA. EECA is the government agency that promotes energy efficiency and renewables across key parts of the energy sector.</p> <p>Mike has extensive management and governance experience in the gas and electricity sector in New Zealand and overseas, and has operated as a chief executive for over twenty years.</p> <p>He has a Bachelor's degree in engineering, a Master's degree in economics, has completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard, and is a Fellow of the Institution of Professional Engineers (IPENZ).</p>
	<p>Abbie Reynolds, Executive Director, Sustainable Business Council</p> <p>Abbie Reynolds is the Executive Director of the Sustainable Business Council, a division of BusinessNZ that represents 83 member businesses, including some of New Zealand's largest companies. Its membership accounts for about a third of private sector GDP.</p> <p>Abbie champions the interests of businesses who are advancing their sustainability. This includes driving action on climate change, governance, social impact and ecosystem health. She is also continuing to grow the organisation's focus on mainstreaming sustainable business practices throughout New Zealand.</p> <p>Abbie brings with her a depth of expertise in social, financial and environmental sustainability within business. Before joining SBC, Abbie led the Vodafone Foundation and was Head of Sustainability at Vodafone.</p>
	<p>Fraser Whineray, Chief Executive, Mercury NZ Limited</p> <p>Since taking up the role of Chief Executive in September 2014, Fraser Whineray has been described as one of the forward-thinkers in the New Zealand energy sector – with a customer-first focus and advocacy for electricity as the 'home-grown' transport fuel, along with other opportunities to work New Zealand's renewables advantage over the long-term for the benefit of all Kiwis and New Zealand.</p> <p>Mercury has established a leadership position in encouraging the electrification of transport, supporting the adoption of e-bikes and electric vehicles, partnering on charging infrastructure and moving 70% of the company's vehicle fleet to plug-in by 2018.</p>



Mark Gilbert, Independent Director and Chair

Mark Gilbert retired as Managing Director of BMW Group New Zealand in 2012. He has nearly 30-year's automotive industry experience, working in both New Zealand and Asia for international company's Volvo, and the BMW Group.

His interest in EV's stems from involvement in the BMW i Brand project and a strong belief in New Zealand's need to leverage off its high levels of renewable energy, become energy independent, reduce emissions, clean up air quality, and improve health outcomes with flow on economic benefits. He presently Chairs the EV advocacy group Drive Electric Inc.

He is on the Boards of Auckland Transport, NZ Lotteries Commission and the Home of Cycling Charitable Trust, among others. He chairs the Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council (ACC).



Gary Nalder, Director Asset Finance, Westpac, and Board member, Drive Electric

Gary Nalder has over 20 years experience in the finance sector with the last 8 years as Director Asset Finance for Westpac Institutional Bank. Gary sits on Westpac's Environmental Solutions Working Group which is tasked with growing Westpac's lending into the CleanTech sector.

Gary first became interested in electric vehicles when introduced to Drive Electric through Westpac's sustainability team early in 2015. Since then what was initially an interest has developed into a passion and in February 2016 Gary joined the board of Drive Electric.

Gary represents Drive Electric on the Sustainable Business Network EV Steering Group and Auckland Transport's 'Auckland Electric Vehicle Working Group'. Both groups have been established to help drive EV uptake.



David Crawford, Chief Executive, Motor Industry Association

David Crawford took up the role of CEO of the MIA in February 2013. The Motor Industry Association represents the interests of the official New Zealand distributors for new cars, trucks and motorbikes.

Before joining the MIA, David's roles included several years as General Manager Land Transport Safety and Environment at the Ministry of Transport. Other roles have included a period on the Wellington District Council of the AA and from 2011 to 2014, he was on the Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council.



Simon Mackenzie, Chief Executive, Vector Limited

Simon Mackenzie was appointed Group Chief Executive in February 2008 and has been with Vector for 17 years. He has extensive experience in the infrastructure sector, including strategy, regulation, network management, information technology, and telecommunications. Simon's tertiary qualifications include engineering, finance and business studies, and the Advanced Management Programme at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.



Mike Noon, General Manager Motoring Affairs, AA

Mike Noon is the AA's General Manager Motoring Affairs and leads its advocacy work. This focuses on improving road safety, better roading infrastructure, and being the motorist's champion for the AA's 1.4 million members.

Before joining the AA in 2005, Mike worked as a consultant specialising in tourism, issue management and communications. That included a couple of years working with the Building Industry Authority as it struggled with the nation's leaky building syndrome.

Before that, Mike worked with the Office of Tourism and Sport, and as its Director saw through the establishment of the Ministry of Tourism.



David Vinsen, Chief Executive, Imported Motor Vehicle Industry Association

David Vinsen is chief executive of IMVIA, the Imported Motor Vehicle Industry Association, a position he has held since 2003.

He has had 40 years' motor industry experience, with roles ranging from retail sales in family-owned businesses through to being the founding chief executive of an international e-commerce auction company.

He is a Past President of the NZ Motor Vehicle Dealers Institute and was the longest-serving trustee of its statutory Fidelity Fund.