

PNZ Executive Nominee: Ben Hinchcliff



I believe that physiotherapists are highly trained expert clinicians that deserve all the benefits that they can get. I will support physiotherapists to obtain the most reimbursement from third party payers and to be the best clinicians they can be. As a current PNZ Executive member, I listen to the needs of physiotherapists and do my best to implement positive change.

I am physiotherapist and lawyer that spends most of my time in the ACC and Employment law jurisdictions. I have been a physiotherapist for over 20 years working in all areas, but mostly as a private musculoskeletal practitioner. I currently contract to the ADHB providing physiotherapy services.

As a lawyer I have a focus on providing legal advice to claimants challenging ACC decisions. The primary focus is to help people navigate the ACC appeal process at review and in the Courts. As I was a clinical advisor at ACC for two years, in the ACC32 and knee surgical request teams, I understand how ACC makes decisions and its culture. I understand why ACC makes their decisions and how to challenge those decisions, if required.

I was the chairperson of the Auckland Branch of Physiotherapy New Zealand and co-chairperson of the Professional Practice Committee. I worked on those committees to help New Zealand physiotherapists to be excellent ethical and expert clinicians. As well as undergraduate LLB and BHSc (physiotherapy), I have a Master's degree in the Science of Administration and a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

Most of my time is spent focusing on ACC Legal litigation. As most my time is working on legal trials, I appreciate the complex nature of decision making.

My primary goal is to ensure that Physiotherapy New Zealand does the best for its members.