



Morgan contributes extensively to not-for-profit organisations including:

- **World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), NZ (Chair)** – the world’s largest and most experienced independent conservation organisation
- **Cawthron Foundation (Chair)** – supporting and advancing coastal, freshwater and terrestrial environments
- **National Energy Research Institute (NERI) (Board member)** – a thought leader in energy research and shaping energy research priorities nationally
- **McGuinness Institute (Patron)** – a non-partisan think tank working towards a sustainable future, contributing strategic foresight
- **Farming for the Future (Advisor)** – a community based project, funded from industry sources, aiming to assist farmers develop more sustainable, resilient farm systems
- **Montfort Trimble Foundation, ecosystems services and forest carbon futures project (Advisor)** – a series of projects aimed at developing ecological resilience through innovative land uses

Dr Morgan Williams

1967 BSc, Zoology, UC

1970 MSc with Distinction in Zoology, UC

1974 PhD, University of Bath

Morgan completed 10 years as NZ’s second Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment in 2007. Prior to this he held research and policy roles in agriculture and represented NZ research interests internationally, worked widely in the South Pacific and undertook his masters research in Antarctica. In 2004 Lincoln University awarded Morgan an honorary doctorate in Natural Resources.

As Commissioner he directed a large number of investigations including *Missing Links: Connecting science with environmental policy* (2004), *Exploring the concept of a Treaty based environmental audit framework* (2002) and *Growing for Good: Intensive farming, sustainability and the NZ environment* (2004); an investigation widely considered Morgan’s most influential.

In 1996 Morgan was awarded a Life

Fellowship of the New Zealand Institute of Agricultural Science in recognition of his contribution to agricultural science.

The driving force behind Morgan’s efforts has been his great interest in how people think about and relate to the natural world –particularly political, social and economic matters that influence understanding of sustainable development and thus the management of our natural capital.

Morgan’s current activities focus on his not-for-profit work, commissioned work, plus conference chairing and synthesis.

Morgan describes his PCE role as “The most rewarding decade of my career. An extraordinary privilege to lead a fantastic team, in a unique institution, that enabled deep study of systems and futures across many spectrums of the human/natural capital interface”.

