

## Officers of the Government of the Ross Dependency Appointed

THE RT HON DAME CINDY KIRO, GNZM, QSO,  
Governor-General

### Background:

- A. An Order in Council dated 30 July 1923<sup>1</sup> ("order") made under the British Settlements Act 1887 (UK) appoints the Governor-General of New Zealand to be the Governor of the Ross Dependency ("Governor") and vests in the Governor certain powers:
- B. The order empowers the Governor to make rules and regulations for the peace, order, and good government of the Ross Dependency:
- C. Regulations made by the Governor on 14 November 1923<sup>2</sup> provide that all persons appointed by the Governor may be empowered to do such things as may be necessary or desirable to ensure that the laws in force in the Ross Dependency are duly observed and complied with in every respect, and to do all things necessary or expedient for the peace, order, and good government of the Ross Dependency, and to safeguard and preserve His Majesty's rights and sovereignty over and in respect of the Ross Dependency:
- D. By warrant issued on 31 October 2022<sup>3</sup>, Luke Tarplett was appointed as an officer of the Government of the Ross Dependence for a period ending with the close of 28 February 2023:
- E. It is now expedient that Ruth Bunney be appointed and that Luke Tarplett be reappointed as officers of the Government of the Ross Dependency:

Now therefore I, The Right Honourable Dame Cindy Kiro, GNZM, QSO, the Governor-General of New Zealand, and as such the Governor of the Ross Dependency, appoint

Ruth Bunney

to be an officer of the Government of the Ross Dependency while she acts as a New Zealand Representative at Scott Base during the period beginning on 15 January 2024 and ending at the close of 30 November 2024; and also reappoint

Luke Tarplett

to be an officer of the Government of the Ross Dependency while he acts as a New Zealand Representative at Scott Base during the period beginning on 1 December 2023 and ending at the close of 30 March 2025.

I confer on Ruth Bunney and Luke Tarplett, while they hold office as officers of the Government of the Ross Dependency, all the powers exercisable in New Zealand by a Justice of the Peace.

Ruth Bunney and Luke Tarplett are to perform their functions at such places within the Ross Dependency as may be directed by an officer of the Government of the Ross Dependency who has the general executive and administrative authority in preserving His Majesty's rights and sovereignty and the laws in force in the Ross Dependency.

Given under the hand of Her Excellency the Governor-General as the Governor of the Ross Dependency, and issued this 13th day of December 2023.

RT HON WINSTON PETERS, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Dated this 20th day of December 2023.

1. *New Zealand Gazette*, 16 August 1923, No. 63, page 2211

2. *New Zealand Gazette*, 15 November 1923, No. 80, page 2815

3. [New Zealand Gazette, 14 November 2022, Notice No. 2022-go4812](#)