



Dr Morgan Williams

Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment

Morgan has been Commissioner for the Environment for nine years. He has degrees in biology and ecology and a great interest in how people think about and relate to the natural world – particularly in the political and economic influences on the management of our natural capital.

He is also an Adjunct Professor at the Universities of Canterbury and Queensland and an Honorary Senior Lecturer at the University of Auckland. In April 2004, Lincoln University awarded Morgan an honorary doctorate in Natural Resources.

Morgan grew up on a dairy farm in Canterbury. He has worked in Antarctica, the tropical Pacific, and for 20 years in science and policy at MAF before joining Agriculture NZ. Since becoming the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, he has focused his team's work on environmental sustainability in urban, marine, energy, water, farming, economic and governance contexts.

Morgan shares his environmental and sustainability interests with his wife Pam. She is currently a Victoria University Research Fellow and Environmental Education Advisor who is pursuing a PhD in the field of education for sustainability.