



Media Release

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Cancer charity announces new Chief Executive

Bowel Cancer New Zealand (NZ) is pleased to announce the appointment of Peter Huskinson as the new Chief Executive.

Chair of the board Stefan Corbett said, "We are delighted to welcome Peter to Bowel Cancer New Zealand. His extensive health sector leadership experience and his passion for extending better prevention and care to all communities will be a great asset to us as we work to beat New Zealand's second biggest cancer killer".

Huskinson, a masters trained health economist, has served for two decades as a senior health leader in New Zealand and the UK, leading a regional public sector health organisation serving 4 in 10 New Zealanders. He has delivered successful initiatives to strengthen and redesign cancer services for patients as well as improve access to timely care. In the UK, Huskinson worked to secure nationwide access to innovative new medicines for cancer and rare diseases.

Huskinson said, "I am delighted to be joining at such an important time. 90 per cent of Bowel cancers are treatable if caught early, and adopting advances in early diagnosis in New Zealand can save hundreds of lives. I'm looking forward to working with bowel cancer patients, whānau, survivors and healthcare professionals to realise these gains.

"Whether you are one of the 65 Kiwis who received a bowel cancer diagnosis this week or have been living with the impact of cancer for months or years, a growing range of free help and support is available from Bowel Cancer New Zealand. It is a privilege to be able to serve you and stand with you."

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More information on bowel cancer and Bowel Cancer New Zealand can be found at <http://www.bowelcancernz.org.nz>

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About Bowel Cancer New Zealand

- Bowel Cancer New Zealand is a patient-focused charity organisation.
- The registered charity was founded in 2010 by a group of people affected by bowel cancer, committed to improving bowel cancer awareness and outcomes for people with the disease.

- Bowel Cancer New Zealand aims to provide clear and up-to-date information about the disease, symptoms, what to do if diagnosed and supports patients and whānau affected by bowel cancer.
- Bowel Cancer New Zealand aims to prevent lives from being lost to this disease and promote the national screening program rollout in New Zealand.