

My name is David LAWRY. In 2013 I retired from the New Zealand Police after 38 years, with my final position being Northern Canterbury Area Commander.

I have a Master of Public Policy degree from Victoria University a Bachelor of Business Studies degree from Massey University, a diploma in New Zealand Policing from The Royal New Zealand Police College and a Certificate of Law related Education from Virginia University USA. I am also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, 177th session and remain engaged with that organisation.

As well as many years leading complex investigations as a Detective at several ranks, I have also completed three operational tours internationally. I have presented evidence before many levels of court proceedings both internationally and within New Zealand including coronial investigations and before Select Committees.

Internationally I carried out roles such as, peacekeeping, policy development and implementation, mentoring of in county Police incumbents and investigations into war crimes and corruption cases. Examples include.

In 2004 I was a member of the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI), where amongst other positions I held, I was the Assistant Commissioner 2 IC (RAMSI) and Officer In-Charge of all of the Solomon Island War Crimes and Corruption Investigations. I was commended by the RAMSI Commander *in this role*.

In 2006 I was the New Zealand Police contingent Commander for Operation Highland based at the Provincial Reconstruction Centre in Bamyán, Afghanistan. There I lead the Police training team and mentored the Afghan Police Commander for the Province. Due to corruption issues that Commander was replaced. As that Commander had been a Northern Alliance, war Hero and was a personal friend of the President of Afghanistan who had also been such a commander, this required negotiation at the presidential level. The revitalization of the narcotics section I facilitated, resulted in the largest opium seizure of 1.5 tons ever achieved in that Province along with machine guns and a number of high level drug and gun dealers being convicted. I received a US Contingent Commanders commendation for this and other actions in this deployment.

In 2008 I was the New Zealand Police Contingent Commander to the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT). As the United Nations Police District Commander for the capital city and Dili District, I led numerous corruption

investigations including a human trafficking operation, for which I was commended by the UNPOL Commissioner.

Many of the investigations presented complex investigative and political risks requiring sensitive management. Additionally leadership of and guidance to a very diverse set of working teams was achieved.

I believe this back ground exhibits both academic and practical evidence of investigative skills, combined with the political sensitivity to successfully and at times discreetly achieve the investigative outcomes desired.

I submit that I have the skills to identify criminal, corrupt and or biased decision making when I see it.