



**David Caygill**  
**Chair**  
**Electricity Commission**

David Caygill is a former Cabinet Minister and Member of Parliament. He graduated B.A., LL.B (Hons) from the University of Canterbury. At age 22 he was elected to the Christchurch City Council where he served for three terms (1971-80). In 1978 he was elected to Parliament for St Albans in Christchurch. He served as an MP for 18 years (1978-96). During the Lange and Palmer governments he was Minister of Trade and Industry (1984-88), Minister of Health (1987-88) and Minister of Finance (1989-90).

From 1993-96 David served as Deputy Leader of the Opposition. Following his retirement from politics he returned to his former profession as a lawyer, becoming a partner in Buddle Findlay, specialising in public law. In December 2003, David was appointed Deputy Chair of the Commerce Commission.

His governance experience includes chairing the Grid Security Committee, the Electricity Governance Establishment Group and the ACC. In 2000 he chaired the Ministerial Inquiry into the Electricity Industry. He also chairs the Education New Zealand Trust and the Advisory Committee on Official Statistics.