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Dr David Skilling is the founding Chief Executive of the New Zealand Institute, a think-tank that has been established to contribute new and creative thinking to the public debate on issues that matter for New Zealand's future.

Since the public launch of the New Zealand Institute in July 2004, it has undertaken work on creating an ownership society, arguing for policies that encourage personal savings and asset ownership, and has recently launched a project that looks to increase the extent of international engagement of the New Zealand economy. The Institute produces high quality research and publishes discussion papers to stimulate public debate and achieve real-world impact.

David was previously a principal adviser at the New Zealand Treasury where he worked primarily on economic growth issues. David has a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Accounting and Finance as well as a Master of Commerce (Hons) degree in Economics from The University of Auckland. In 1994 he received the Fowlds Memorial Prize for the "most distinguished student in the Faculty of Commerce". He also has a Master in Public Policy and a PhD in Public Policy from Harvard University.

He was a teaching Fellow at Harvard University for three years, and has also worked at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, at McKinsey & Company, and Deloitte. David has recently been appointed to the Advisory Board of The University of Auckland Business School.