

Hon Kelvin Davis



Deputy Leader & MP for Te Tai Tokerau

Minister for Crown/Māori Relations, Corrections, and Tourism

Associate Minister of Education (Māori Education)

Ko Taumarere te awa.

Ko Puketohunoa te maunga.

Ko Ngati Manu te hapu.

Hon Kelvin Davis is a successful former teacher and school principal who turned a struggling Northland school around, and enabled the students to achieve beyond their potential.

He has held roles on a number of Select Committees including Maori Affairs (Deputy-Chair), Law and Order, Local Government and Environment, Education and Science and Transport and Industrial Relations.

Kelvin has also held the spokesperson roles in Corrections, Biosecurity, Education (including Special Education and Maori Education), Maori Affairs, Tourism, Regional Affairs and Justice (Sexual and Domestic Violence).

Kelvin visited Australia, including Christmas Island in 2015 to advocate for the rights of New Zealanders living in Australia, particularly those in detention centres.

Born and bred in the Bay of Islands but now living in Kaitaia, Kelvin is a man of the north who brings skills in education and Māori issues to the Cabinet table to improve outcomes for all New Zealanders educationally, financially, culturally and socially.

He has common sense and pragmatism, and is able to relate across all sectors of society, but is most at home either fishing or up in the bush of his beloved Karetu Valley.