



## **Jason Franklin**

### **PowerNet Chief Executive**

Prior to joining PowerNet in 2012 as Chief Executive, Jason worked in a variety of senior roles for Rio Tinto and the Electricity Corporation of New Zealand (ECNZ).

While with Rio Tinto, he held a number of commercial roles in New Zealand, Australia and the United Kingdom. These roles included the management of the energy arrangements for Rio Tinto in those countries.

Returning to New Zealand in 2008 with Rio Tinto, he spent four years as Commercial manager with New Zealand Aluminium Smelters at Tiwai Point.

His experience within the electricity generation sector with ECNZ, followed by 14 years' experience in the industry as a major electricity user with Rio Tinto, led to his appointment as Chief executive for PowerNet.

Jason has held a number of industry positions — board member of the Major Electricity Users Group and a member of the Wholesale Advisory Group for the New Zealand Electricity Authority. Currently he is a Director on the SmartCo Ltd Board, Invercargill Airport Board and Great South Board. Jason is also Chair of Rugby Southland.

Born and raised in Southland, is married to Thérèse and they have three children. He has a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting & Finance) and a Post Graduate Diploma (Economics and Marketing).

Jason's vision for PowerNet is for the Company to continue to build upon its success and to be the leading provider of electricity network management and related services.



## **Don Nicolson PowerNet Chair**

Don joined the board of PowerNet in 2015 after being appointed a director of The Power Company Ltd. He is also one of The Power Company Ltd nominees on the OtagoNet Joint Venture governing committee and formerly Chaired the PowerNet Audit and Risk committee.

From 1999 until 2011, Don was a Trustee on the Southland Electric Power Supply Consumer Trust, the entity who appoints directors to The Power Company Ltd.

Born and raised in the south, in 1982 he bought a farm at Waimatua where he produced meat (lamb and venison), wool and deer velvet. A pine plantation was also established. Leasing or purchasing additional land gave momentum to significant productivity gains during a very challenging period in the primary sector.

During the 1990's that Don became involved in primary sector advocacy through local, provincial and national positions within Federated Farmers of New Zealand, culminating in 2008, when he was elected the 27th National president of the Federation - the first from Southland.