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Sir Peter Gluckman congratulates Professor Juliet Gerrard on her appointment as next Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor

Sir Peter Gluckman, the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor, indicated to both major parties during 2017 that he would be stepping out of the role when his term ends on June 30 2018, having held the post since its establishment in 2009. The government has undertaken an extensive search in selecting a successor from among leading academic and CRI scientists.

"I am delighted that an outstanding and experienced scientist and science administrator has been appointed. The system is in great hands. Juliet and the team of departmental science advisors will continue to promote and enable the use of evidence in the policy processes needed to ensure NZ's social, environmental and economic wellbeing. Over the past few days Juliet and I have been working closely to ensure a smooth transition. We will continue to do so over the next several weeks so that all the salient files are transferred with minimal disruption," said Sir Peter. "There will be at least one report arising from work that spans both our tenures."

Sir Peter will now focus on science diplomacy and continue to chair the International Network for Government Science Advice. INGSA has now expanded to over 80 countries and 5000 members with chapters in Asia, Africa, Latin America and now Europe and North America in development. It also has a science diplomacy division which hosts the Foreign Ministries' Science and Technology Advisors Network, and INGSA is also assisting the development of Commonwealth capacity in this area.

In addition, Sir Peter will return to academic life at the University of Auckland, where he is helping to establish a centre for Science in Policy, Diplomacy and Society (SciPODS) as part of the University's new Public Policy Institute. He is also refreshing his engagement with the Liggins Institute.