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On being a Global Women Member

Being a member of Global Women gives me a wonderful network of accessible peers who, when I was younger, were not easily available. The connectivity, inspiration, motivation and sharing that occurs, I think allows us all to do more and be more than we might otherwise be. It also provides us all with a vehicle to support and motivate our peers and the next generation of leaders across multiple sectors in New Zealand, which is certainly a source of satisfaction to me personally.

Knowing that there is a widening group of extremely capable and motivated leaders that are going to make a profound impact on New Zealand in so many ways, makes every minute of time spent establishing and engaging through Global Women highly worthwhile.

In a personal sense being a Global Women member pushes me to reconsider norms and challenge them actively. It challenges me to consider my effectiveness as a leader and how I am measuring success and it sharpens my focus on demanding days when I find myself having to justify to others why women should be at the table rather than us all reaping the benefits of inclusive leadership and the many dividends it can offer.

We are making progress but there is more work to do. We aren't there yet!

