



# Initiatives for gender equality:

The creation of the Women in Economics Network as an evidence-based case study

## Speaker



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Dr Risse is an economist and gender equality advocate with over 20 years' experience across economic policy, research, and public service. She has held advisory roles with governments and professional bodies, helping shape policy and practice across the economics sector.

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## Date

29 June 2026, Monday

## Time

11am - 12pm, followed by light lunch

## Venue

AUT City Campus  
WF711  
2 Governer Fitzroy Place  
Online option available

## Seminar Chair

### Professor Gail Pacheco



Professor Gail Pacheco is Equal Employment Opportunities Commissioner at the Human Rights Commission and a leading New Zealand economist specialising in labour economics, gender equity, and public policy.

## Why attend?

This seminar explores how the Women in Economics Network (WEN) in Australia used evidence-based approaches to advance gender equality in economics.

## What will be discussed?

- Building professional support networks
- Addressing gender barriers in economics
- Measuring impact and outcomes
- Navigating resistance to diversity initiatives

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Registration closes  
22 June 2026

