



**THE EMPLOYMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND  
TE KÓTI TAKE MAHI  
CHIEF JUDGE CHRISTINA INGLIS**

**“Barriers to Participation” Symposium  
13 September 2018  
Auckland University of Technology**

The Chief Judge of the Employment Court and the Chief of the Employment Relations Authority wish to draw attention to an upcoming symposium on "Barriers to Participation" in resolving employment relationship problems. Auckland University of Technology's Work Research Institute, through Professor Erling Rasmussen, is hosting the event.

The symposium will focus on particular issues of access that arise in this specialist jurisdiction, including costs. The symposium will present a valuable opportunity for a range of experts to share their perspectives and insights, together with the research and analysis underpinning them. Community groups and people working at the front line, academics and researchers, mediators, social scientists and analysts, those who practise in this area of the law, and those with experience in comparable overseas jurisdictions, will be involved.

It is expected that the papers delivered at the symposium will be published following the event, to stimulate further informed discussion. It is likely that a second symposium (drawing the threads together) will then follow.

The initial symposium is scheduled for 13 September 2018. Numbers are limited and attendance is by invitation. The organisers will be in touch with the NZLS, ADLS and ELI in due course with invitations for practitioners to attend and be involved.

Practitioners should note that the current practice direction [costs guidelines](#) in the Employment Court, and the Authority's generally applied daily rate approach, remain in place.

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