

Elizabeth Kerekere

Te Whānau a Kai,
Te Aitanga-a-Māhaki,
Rongowhakaata,
Ngāi Tāmanuhiri and
Ngāti Oneone



Dr Elizabeth Kerekere is a rainbow, kaupapa Māori and Tiriti activist and scholar. She was elected a member of parliament for the Green Party in 2020. Kerekere identifies as takatāpui and produced the first major research on takatāpui identity with her doctoral thesis in 2017.

Dr Elizabeth Kerekere founded Tiwhanawhana Trust, focused on takatāpui well-being. She wrote that Tiwhanawhana has aimed "to uplift the mana of takatāpui both through Māori language and culture, and by advocating for takatāpui rights, health and well-being." She is an artist, having her work exhibited internationally.. She has spoken internationally about human, rainbow and indigenous rights, including at the United Nations in Geneva.