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Professor Sheelagh Matear has been the Executive Director of the Academic Quality Agency for the New Zealand Universities since 2016. She has led the development of the sixth cycle of academic audits for New Zealand universities. This introduced a novel configuration for academic audits that includes a collective enhancement phase and the development of students as members of academic audit panels.

Prior to joining the AQA, Sheelagh was Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic at Lincoln University in New Zealand with responsibility for students and academic quality. She has been a member of academic audit panels in New Zealand and has also conducted international academic audits and reviews. Additionally, she has been a long-standing member of the reference group for the review of the New Zealand Qualifications Framework.

Sheelagh's current interests lie in international arrangements for quality assurance, how to enable student participation in academic quality and impacts of quality assurance and quality enhancement. She has presented conference papers and published papers on these and other topics.