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Erica Lambert's tribes are Te Paatu, Te Aupōuri, Te Rarawa, and Ngāi Takoto – her ancestral lands located in the Far North of Aotearoa, New Zealand. With over 25 years working alongside Aboriginal communities, her experience spans grassroots community development, Indigenous research, executive leadership, and working within the corporate banking sector.
Her approach is grounded in relational practice, collective leadership, and indigeneity methodologies, positioning Indigenous-led systems as the foundation for sustained regional and generational prosperity.

At CQID, Erica leads the transition from program-based service delivery to integrated, infrastructure-led systems bringing together government, corporate, philanthropic, and Indigenous partners to unlock pathways for economic and social outcomes at scale.

Her work extends across national and international Indigenous initiatives, creating pathways that strengthen Indigenous partnerships, leadership, and opportunities for the next generation. She has also led numerous cultural study tours and international exchanges between Aotearoa and Australia, strengthening cross-cultural capability and establishing internships while shaping approaches to cultural governance and system design. She has also influenced state policy reform in Victoria through convening the first national summit in Australia on tackling methamphetamine.