

Richard Wagstaff
PSA national secretary
Vice president of the Council of Trade Unions



Richard Wagstaff is one of two national secretaries of the Public Service Association.

The PSA is New Zealand's largest union, with more than 55,000 members working in the state sector and local government.

Richard has been a PSA national secretary for eight years.

He began working at the union in 1988 as a researcher. He became an organiser three years later, working with PSA members in the health and disability sectors in Auckland.

In 1997 he was appointed operations manager, responsible for PSA members throughout the country in the health and community sectors.

He took up his current position as a national secretary in 2000.

In 2007 Richard was elected vice president of the New Zealand Council of Trade Unions (CTU). More than 350,000 New Zealand workers belong to the 40 unions that are affiliated to the CTU.