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New Zealand Member of Parliament, based in South Auckland

- New Zealand Permanent Representative to the IPU
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Select Committee, Member
- Australia Parliamentary Friendship Group, Co-Chair
- Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China, New Zealand Co-Chair
- Cross-Party Parliamentary Rainbow Caucus, Co-Founder
- Parly Ferns Netball Team, Co-Captain
- Parliamentary Friends of West Papua, Member
- Former Health Select Committee, Chair
- Former NZ Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians, Co-Chair
- Former Asia Pacific TB Caucus, NZ Lead.
- Member of the Silver Ferns, 1989-1992
- World Champion Black Ferns, 1998
- New Zealand Women's Rugby Player of the Year, 1997
- Master of Philosophy, 2000-2002 (Social Policy)
- Bachelor, 1995-1999 Social Policy and Social Work
- Diploma in Sport and Recreation, 1990-1991
- New Zealand University Blues, 1997-98

Louisa Wall (Ngati Tuwharetoa me Waikato) is a member of the New Zealand Labour Party and has been a Member of Parliament since 2008. She has held a variety of roles across the public sector as a policy advisor and community advocate in the social policy and public policy areas. Louisa's work is founded on a commitment to universal human rights together with promoting the rights of gender and sexual minorities, ending tuberculosis, guaranteeing universal access to family planning and strengthening women's rights through increased political participation.

A priority for Louisa in her work with community leaders is to help create and cultivate the environment for the next generation to dream and to fulfil their potential. As a former Silver Fern and Black Fern Louisa knows striving to attain goals can be achieved with the support and encouragement of our families and communities. Louisa has also worked to address the issue of homelessness by working closely with LinkPeople, Police, local businesses and community organisations.

A strong supporter of women's rights, Louisa has been instrumental in upholding these rights with several initiatives. She was instrumental in forming the community organisation 'Aid 4 Periods' in which volunteers produce sanitary pads for distribution.

As co-chair of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians for eight years, Louisa led work to address issues of sexism, harassment and bullying in the workplace and with the Human Rights Commission and community organisations to address issues such as ending child brides, female genital mutilation, pay equity and pay transparency.

Louisa is a human rights campaigner, promoter and advocate for LGBTQIA persons in New Zealand to ensure that the voices of this community are being heard at the highest levels of governance and advocacy at home and on the International Stage.

In the 2020 to 2023 term Louisa hopes to step up her work in international human rights advocacy specifically involving women's rights, LGBTIQ+ rights and indigenous rights.

Louisa first participated in the IPU at the 126th Assembly in Uganda 2012, and has been included in many subsequent official delegations. A highlight was at the 138th Assembly, she promoted the official debate on "The role of parliaments in ending discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and ensuring respect for the human rights to LGBTQIA persons."