



Christopher Luxon's chief press secretary Hamish Rutherford is resigning

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Prime Minister Christopher Luxon's chief press officer Hamish Rutherford is shown here on Luxon's right. STUFF

FAST FACTS

- Prime Minister Christopher Luxon's chief press secretary Hamish Rutherford is resigning.
- Rutherford said it had been an honour to work with Luxon, but he wanted to spend more time with his family.
- Another of Luxon's senior press secretaries is about to go on maternity leave.

Prime Minister Christopher Luxon's chief press secretary Hamish Rutherford is resigning.

Rutherford confirmed the move in a message to reporters.

His message said: "It has been an absolute honour to work for Christopher Luxon both in Opposition and for the year since the election, but it has become clear to me over the past few months that I am not prepared to do the full term. I'm available until the end of the year as required."

Rutherford said he was looking forward to a decent summer break and wanted to spend more time with his family.

Another of Luxon's senior press secretaries, Jasmine Higginson, would be on maternity leave shortly, while Finance Minister Nicola Willis was looking for a new senior press secretary after the resignation of Rachel Bowie.

Rutherford joined Luxon's team in April 2022, following two and a half years as Wellington business editor for the NZ Herald and the previous four years as Wellington business bureau chief for Stuff.

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