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## From the President

It has been a busy month for the NZ Chapter of EIANZ. The AGM was held on 20 August and the executive committee was duly elected and confirmed. I have retained my present role and I take this on as a highly motivated and active President to deliver some real benefits to the membership. Joh Taylor has stepped down from the executive committee after servicing as President and Vice-President so a hearty thanks to Joh for all of the effort she has put into the Chapter over the past few years. And Stacey Swanson who initiated the Student and Early Careers Portfolio has also stepped down so again a warm thank you to Stacey for your contribution to the Committee. And welcome to the Committee to Keith and Rod and also the return of Justine. Further details of the AGM and elected committee can be found within this newsletter.

An overview of the results of the NZ Chapter member survey was also presented at the AGM. The results are encouraging with some 40% of the members responding; a very good result when the average for such surveys is typically around 30%. So a big thank you to all who took the time to provide feedback. The outcomes were not entirely surprising but they added some weight to what I and others on the executive have considered as the way forward for the Chapter. It is worth noting here that this very newsletter 'A Step Closer' has been very well received so we will maintain a focus on making newsworthy and of high relevance. Well done Craig and

thanks for all of your continued efforts with this newsletter. We will publish an overview of the results of the survey in the next newsletter.

As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, the Chapter has supported a roadshow around the country to profile the 'Ecological Assessment Guidelines for New Zealand (EcIA)'. Judith Roper-Lindsay and I, in a co-presenter combination, have spoken to nearly 200 members and non-members amongst four main centres: Christchurch, Auckland, Wellington and Palmerston North. I think it is fair to say that the roadshow was well received at each location, there was always much discussion often around some of the more challenging and testing matters regarding good practice, ethical behaviour and practical environmental considerations. Already the guidelines are finding their way into the consenting process with some Councils requiring that applicants demonstrate alignment with the guidelines. Read more about the roadshow in this newsletter and we encourage you all to feedback to us your thoughts on the guidelines, what can be improved and how well uptake has been.

The roadshow has contributed immensely to the profile of the EIANZ and also the CEnvP around the country and it has demonstrated that we can be leaders in our profession and EIANZ is the best way to share, learn and develop our profession further.

I am extremely mindful of the fact that this recent profile enhancing for EIANZ and CEnvP has been in the 'ecology' space of our multi-disciplinary membership. For non-ecologists don't be alarmed. This might be 'the first cab of the rank' so to speak but I am resolved to encourage similar activities amongst other discipline areas and indeed between disciplines where the need is demonstrated. The EcIA and the roadshow have been a positive 'proof of concept' that we can deliver on our mandate and provide what members are seeking.

One of the purposes of the roadshow was to allow me to get around the regions and meet many of you, put some names to new faces and re-acquaint myself with friends and colleagues. This was certainly the case and I hope to be present at many other gatherings over the next twelve months. A big thank you to all the Branch co-ordinators (Pene, Kat, Kirsty and Heike) for assisting in making the roadshow such a smooth operation, and thank you to the respective organisations that provided premises so readily (MWH, NZTA, Russell McVeagh and Landcare Trust).

Several initiatives are planned for the coming year so look out for news and information. I am always available for discussion, advice or any help I can give so please do not hesitate to contact me.

Until next time,

Best wishes.

**Ian Boothroyd, August 2015**

## Executive Update

The EIANZ NZ Chapter AGM was held on 20 August 2015. The following were duly elected to the following roles for the 2015 to 2016:

President:	Ian Boothroyd
Vice-president:	Keith Calder
Secretary:	Taryn Pearce
Treasurer:	Chris Bailey

The following members were appointed to the executive committee:

Stephanie Brown (CEnvP co-ordinator portfolio)

Chris Gibbons (Student and earthly career portfolio)

Rod Murray

Justine Quinn

A warm welcome to the new executive committee. There is much work to be done. Amongst the more pressing tasks will be the completion of the NZ Chapter Business Plan; now we have the results of the member survey we can align the plan with the desires and wants of the membership. The plan will be circulated for comment and acceptance amongst the membership.

## EIANZ Conference 2016 and 2017

As reported at the AGM, the Annual EIANZ conference, being held in Perth in October 2015, will not be held in New Zealand in 2016. EIANZ Advisory Council recommended to the Board that it would be preferable to have the conference somewhere more central to the EIANZ membership rather than two consecutive years at the very opposite geographic extremes of the membership (cf. Perth and then Auckland). This makes good fiscal sense and as the conference is an important revenue earner for the Institute, optimising attendance is critical at this time. As a consequence it is most likely that the 2016 conference will be held in Brisbane in October or November 2016; and then in Auckland in October or November 2017. Although that date seems a long way away right now, we will start actioning a committee and put together an initial proposal and budget to go to the Board later this year or early next year. If anyone is interested in helping organise a New Zealand EIANZ conference in 2017 then please let me know and we can commence some very preliminary thoughts. The location is not decided but it is the turn of Auckland; however committee members can contribute from anywhere in the country.

**Ian Boothroyd, August 2015**

## Annual Symposium 2016

Following on from the notice above, it means that we will have an NZ Chapter Annual Symposium in 2016. Details of location, timing and theme are yet to be decided but this will be high on the Agenda at the first meeting of the new NZ Chapter Executive. At this stage it is anticipated that the symposium will be held in the upper North Island in March 2016.

**Ian Boothroyd, August 2015**

## EIANZ Board Elections

The process to elect EIANZ Board members for the next two year term is now underway.

This election is being run in accordance with Institute's Rules of Association and By-law 6. The EIANZ Board has appointed Nicole Brown, Central Office Manager as the Returning Officer for this Election. She has engaged the Australian Election Company to undertake electronic voting.

You will have received the Notice of Election and Nomination Form from the Australian Election Company. This will detail the call for nominations and broader election processes and time-frames. It will include who can nominate for a position on the Board and how the nomination process will be run.

Nominations will be accepted via post and email. Nominations will close on **4 September 2015**. Voting will be conducted electronically between **18 September and 16 October 2015**.

Information on the role and composition of the Board and duties of its members is detailed in the Institute's Rules of Association - Part 5.

You will continue to be provided with all the details and information you need to participate in this ballot.

If you have any questions please contact Nicole Brown on +61 3 8803 6150 or at [nicole@eianz.org](mailto:nicole@eianz.org)

## EIANZ Merit Awards

Nominations for the EIANZ Merit Awards are now open.

The Merit Awards recognise those who have made an outstanding contribution to the Institute and the environment profession. Awards will be presented at the Gala Dinner being held on 29 October as part of EIANZ's Annual Conference in Perth.

[Find out more or nominate >](#)

## Article: National Direction

At the recent EDS conference, the Minister for the Environment announced the Government priorities in 'A Way Forward for National Direction'. This sets out how specific resources should be managed to protect the environment, strengthen the economy, and enable New Zealanders to provide for their social and cultural wellbeing (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/sites/all/files/A-Way-Forward-for-National-Direction.pdf>).

The Direction sets an indicative timetable for a range of environmental standards and policies. We have already seen the NES on Plantation Forestry open for consultation and comment (NB. the NZ Chapter of EIANZ made a submission on this). Others to come include changes to the NES for air quality, telecommunication facilities, and contaminants in soil; as well as some fresh guidance on matters such as natural hazards, urban development and aquaculture.

For aquaculture a nationally-consistent framework for the management of aquaculture space is proposed; perhaps long overdue in a sector that has had so many stops and starts in recent times. Similarly, improvements to the regulatory approach to pest control will be welcomed to avoid duplication with the HASNO Act. Making pest control regulations more transparent can only be a good thing in helping the decline in native biodiversity.

And Biodiversity returns to the agenda with the Direction indicating some (unspecified) guidance on implementation of section 6(c) of the RMA. It is notable that this timetabled event (2016/17) includes a qualifier 'subject to agreement on terms of reference between farmers and conservation groups'. We can only wait to see what this means but the NPS Biodiversity certainly failed to fire, and we can only hope that this guidance comes with transparency and objectivity and is not an alternative means of re-interpreting the Act.

In contrast, and hopefully a signal in the right direction (no pun intended), is the continuing steps to improve the management of our freshwaters, in particular continued dialogue from the Land and Water Forum and Iwi Leaders. Included in the dialogue will be new requirements to exclude cattle from waterways.

It is difficult to ascertain just how well this ambitious agenda by the current government will be met. However, all of these National Directions will remain on the Chapter Agenda over the next few years, and we will make the membership aware of planned changes and what EIANZ might do to influence the outcome.

**Ian Boothroyd, August 2015**

## Review: Ecological Impact Assessment Guidelines Roadshow

### What did the roadshow deliver?

In a combination featuring Dr Judith Roper-Lindsay and Dr Ian Boothroyd, respectively past and present Presidents of the NZ Chapter of EIANZ, EIANZ has rolled into a number of main centres of New Zealand over the past three weeks as part of an EcIA Roadshow. The roadshow is aimed at increasing the awareness and purpose of the 'Ecological Impact Assessment Guidelines' and what it means to be a professional practitioner. Five presentations have so far been completed: one each in Christchurch, Auckland, Wellington and two in Palmerston North (a matinee presentation was provided at Massey University, prior to an evening performance in the city). Collectively the presentation has reached some 200 people who came along with roughly even attendance amongst the three larger centres. The venues were all top locations which added a considerable



professional air to the performances and, along with plentiful cuisine and refreshments, made the events becoming of a professional organisation such as EIANZ.

### **Why a roadshow?**

Each presentation had the same content with the purpose, as a national event, 'to all learn the same things at the same time'. There was a very high level of engagement at each location, and the evenings stretched out well beyond the anticipated home time. This was great and to see so many people discussing the evening's content or just networking amongst themselves was well worthwhile. On the whole, the roadshow was presented to more non-members than actual members, so it has given the Chapter an enormous exposure across the main centres at least, that we might struggle to get otherwise. And the roadshow also achieved its purpose of the national executive assisting the branch co-ordinators with an event in each region, hopefully setting a scene for more to come.

### **So what of the response and feedback?**

Well for the most part the feedback has been extremely positive with everyone recognising that we all have to work at improving our professional image and our professional practice. The Guidelines are seen as a significant step in the right direction to achieve these aims. The authors have always recognised that the launch was of the first edition with perhaps several iterations to come as the Guidelines are put into practice and we learn from their use and practicality.

Feedback to date has ranged from some technical matters, to the use (and absence) of specific terminology, to the more vexed issues of how to deal with situations where practitioners are asked to do something less than expected. In response to the latter there was recognition that the fact the very guidelines exist means they act as a powerful tool to ensure that the correct approach is taken where appropriate; or at the very least an explanation is given why an assessment may deviate from the guidance.



Presenters Ian and Judith share a moment in preparation for the Wellington presentation



Judith explains the Guidelines at the presentation



Audience at the Wellington presentation

## Already in use

The Guidelines themselves are already in use by a number of organisations. Several organisations are planning to adopt the Guidelines as good practice for their own professional practice. And at least two Councils have sought information from resource consent applicants regarding alignment of their own impact assessments with the guidelines.

## Where to from here?

The two presenters had already given some thought to what happens next. First it is recognised that the Guidelines are a work in progress and will continuously improve as practice is improved, as new tools enter the sector, and as case law and legislation changes. However there remains a desire and a need to continuously upskill ourselves in practice and behaviours. As a consequence there was a general vote of approval for the development of informal webinars. Perhaps run over a lunchtime, the benefit of webinars is that anyone can join in for their own computer. Discussion was held on running something like three or four over the next few months; these could focus on specific chapters of the Guidelines but with greater penetration of detail and some helpful case studies.

In addition to webinars, support was also given to the idea of a series of 'Practice Notes'; these being 8-10 page short documents on specific areas of practice. Examples raised were 'Adaptive Management', 'Monitoring Mitigation Success', 'Impact management and the Wildlife Act' and 'Use of Regini Method of Assessment'. Each of these could also showcase suitable examples and case studies.

And the marine area has not been forgotten, with a view that an Ecological Impact Assessment Guidelines for Coastal and Marine Ecosystems should follow shortly; or be incorporated into the present Guidelines.

Please send any ideas or thoughts, or indeed if you want to lead a webinar yourself, to Ian [ian.boothroyd@boffamiskell.co.nz](mailto:ian.boothroyd@boffamiskell.co.nz) or Judith [judith@roperlindsay.com](mailto:judith@roperlindsay.com).



Ian listening intently to Q&A session following the presentation



Surprise guest speaker, Stephen Fuller, addresses the Wellington audience on the Regini method



Audience at the Wellington presentation

## Proof of Concept

As noted in the Presidential address in this newsletter, the focus of this roadshow and what may follow is unashamedly ecological. However, for the non-ecologists, do not be alarmed. What the development of the Ecological Impact Assessment Guidelines and the roadshow have shown is that where there is a need, EIANZ can provide guidance on good ethical practice and take that guidance to the industry sector so that it becomes established practice; good practice developed by practitioners. The roadshow itself and the potential follow up webinars and practice notes also show that there is a desire for more detail and help rather than less. The NZ Chapter will be exploring what other disciplines within the membership need in terms of guidance or other documents that help them.

## Acknowledgements

The EcIA roadshow would not be possible without the help and assistance of several people throughout the country. The branch co-ordinators, Pene (Christchurch), Kat (Auckland), Kirsty (Wellington) and Heike (Palmerston North), were faultless and totally committed in their ability to pull the venues and event together in their respective cities – a big thank you to you all. EIANZ now has an even greater profile in these respective locations thanks to these people. At each location a venue was kindly offered by a local organisation. Many thanks to MWH (Christchurch), NZTA (Auckland), Russell McVeagh (Wellington), and Massey University and the Landcare Trust (Palmerston North). Claire Harvey at EIANZ Central Office in Melbourne kindly organised the flyers and posters for the events.

## In the News

So in case you missed it, here are some snippets of environmental news since the last newsletter.

### Conservation/Ecology

[Freshwater species under threat](#)

[Surge in pests in past year prompts tighter biosecurity for island visitors](#)

[Fears tidal barrier could kill estuary](#) – Chch

[Seal turns up in housing subdivision 8 kilometres from the sea](#) – Canterbury

[Nelson brings nature to town](#)

[Surfers bite back in great shark wars](#) – Reunion

[Leopard seal spotted on Banks Peninsula beach](#)

[Seems a leopard seal can't change its spot](#)

[How do you mistake these two?](#)

[Dead takahe collateral damage from crazy policy](#)

[Kiwis tag along on bee loss study](#)

[Urgent review of whitebait rules needed](#)

[Whale spotted in creek, kilometres from open sea](#)

[Whale spotted in Auckland river appears to have died](#)

[Hopes high as whale refloats](#)

[DOC investigates kea killing report](#)

[Maui's dolphin debate has reached The New York Times](#)

[Christchurch's Garden City reputation at risk if 1500 trees lose protected status](#)



## Noise

[Planning dispute as gun club moves in next door to Wairarapa organic farm](#)

[Invercargill City Council fines seven repeatedly noisy residents](#)

## Water

[Ancient waterway delays Avon River steps](#)

[Judge blasts Fonterra for putting productivity ahead of the environment](#)

[Kapiti council remains quiet over polluted stream as booms remain in place](#)

[Hutt River stopbank will require council to buy up 75 properties](#)

[Lake to be tested again for dangerous pesticides](#)

[Long term goals of Water Management Strategy in jeopardy – Canterbury](#)

[Council approves plan to mitigate Flockton flooding](#)

[Farms to draw water from Canterbury's irrigation scheme](#)

[Wellington's urban streams are failing to meet clean water targets](#)

[That won't wash: Porirua City Council bans car washing on driveways](#)

[Porirua council embraces car wash ban backlash as a chance to educate](#)

## Consent Hearings/Developments

[Hagley Oval monitoring falls short, group says](#)

[Controversial Christchurch roading project back on track](#)

['Euphoria' as smelter deal struck – Southland](#)

[\\$110 billion to bring NZ up to scratch](#)

[Palmerston North Countdown supermarket proposal tests planning rules](#)

[Basin Reserve flyover project killed off by the High Court](#)

[Government wringing its hands over Basin Reserve flyover decision](#)

[1600-home project approved for Wanaka](#)

## Climate Change

[World's glacier melt speeding up](#)

[Climate change: Obama unveils Clean Power Plan](#)

[Clean, green NZ falls behind Australia on climate change](#)

[Sea level rises -- what's the plan, ICC? – Invercargill](#)

[Australia carbon plan sends shudder through neighbours](#)

[China CO2 emissions: 'Coal error' caused wrong calculations](#)

[Carbon credits 'like printing money'](#)

[El Nino predicted to give farmers a rough ride over spring and summer](#)

## Air Quality

[Christchurch's air quality improving but more work needed](#)

## Cultural Heritage

[Tears as Wellington City Council demolishes 'heritage' bach at Red Rocks](#)

[Nelson council must fix or pull down 10 buildings - report](#)

## General

[Southland's environment champions recognised](#)

[Council could lose powers over forestry](#)

[Ten ways we could improve Auckland's environment](#)

[World-Class Auckland: Urban sprawl our biggest challenge](#)

[Researchers on Auckland environment: 'We're a little behind'](#)

[Court of Appeal orders Mobil to pay \\$10m cleanup bill](#)

[Avalanche upsets Ruapehu's crater lake](#)

[New plans announced for urban development, biodiversity, hazards and aquaculture](#)

## Professional Development Opportunities

The following Professional Development Opportunities are available and as always, all EIANZ events are available on the calendar of our home page <http://www.eianz.org/>

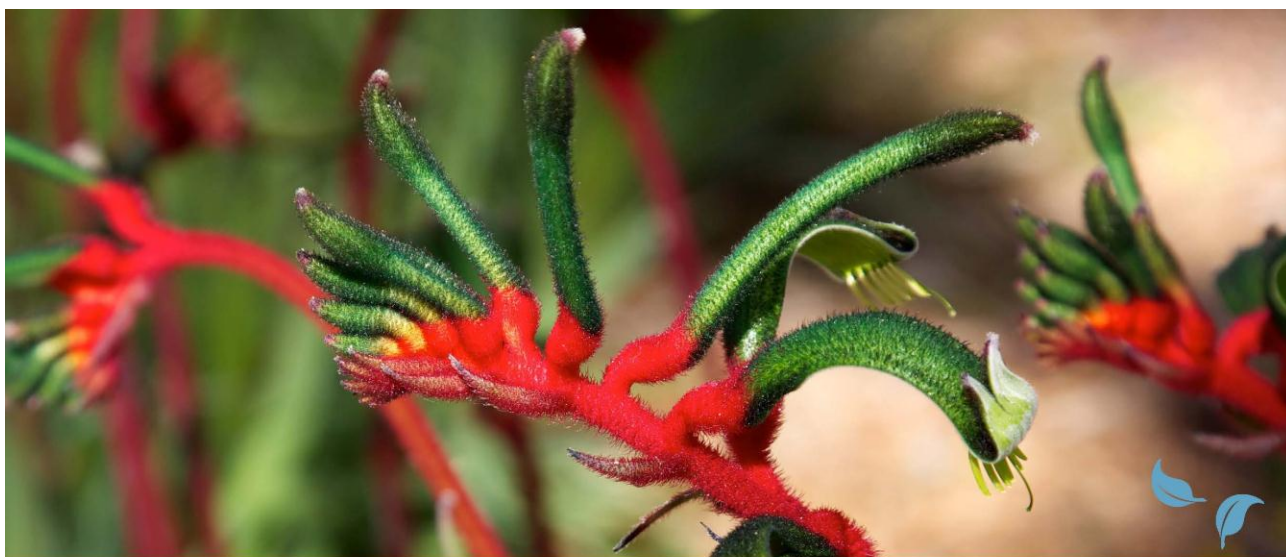
**EIANZ Annual Conference - Challenging the status quo; 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015, Perth**

**Register now at;**

<http://www.eianz.org/conference2015>



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# Challenging the status quo

Excellence in environmental practice

EIANZ Annual Conference 29–30 October 2015

Pan Pacific Hotel, 207 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, WA

We make advances in environmental management by challenging the status quo through new science and good practice. The pressure is on environmental practitioners to:

- Conserve and manage the world's biodiversity hotspots, threatened species, and marine and terrestrial protected areas
- Find new ways to assure ecological health, and sustainable productivity of terrestrial and marine environments
- Implement innovations in the repair of landscapes affected by poor agricultural, grazing and mining practices
- Understand the role of indigenous knowledge and cultures in determining good practice
- Develop knowledge of regulatory requirements and skills in the ethical and professional implementation of good practice environmental management

Reserve the dates now – plan to present a paper or poster that challenges the status quo in environmental management practice. Demonstrate to others the advances you know will lead to better practice. Join a field trip before and after the event to see the application of good practice environmental management first hand.

There is much to learn about the skilled practice of environmental management in Western Australia. Mega scale offshore gas and mining projects have helped shape environmental management in remote and arid Australia. Cutting edge dryland farming and water management practices have been developed to combat salinity and erosion. The biogeographic region of Southwest Australia, stretching from Shark Bay in the north to Israelite Bay in the south, is recognised as an international biodiversity hotspot. These are but a few of the reasons why Western Australia is an exciting place to hold the 2015 EIANZ Conference.



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your Certified Environmental  
Practitioner CPD Log.

## SKILLS FOR COLLABORATIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS

Register for any one, two or all training sessions. Cost \$250 & GST per half day = \$ 287.50

**When:** Thursday 8 October morning & afternoon, Friday 9 October morning

**Where:** Conference Room 3, Copthorne Hotel, 88 Frankton Road, Queenstown

These half day interactive training sessions are particularly useful for people involved in discussions aimed at achieving mutual gain for people with diverse or conflicting points of view. Each session provides opportunities for practical application of techniques relevant to cases you are dealing with. Maximum of 12 participants per session

### DESIGN COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSIONS - AVOID PITFALLS

**Thursday 8 October 9 am - 12.30 pm**

**Collaborative meeting pathways** - How to design meetings to help participants feel engaged and find being involved is worthwhile. The course guideline will be applied to several meetings participants are involved with.

**Recognise and define the real issues** - How to describe issues so everyone can recognise that what matters to them is included in discussions. The issue message will enable constructive discussion of all points of view. The potential impact different descriptions of issues can have on the quality of discussions will be identified.

**Avoid common pitfalls** - Recognise what to concentrate on when discussions are underway to encourage useful participation. How to avoid common pitfalls that can create ill-feeling and conflict.

### SKILLS FOR TALKING ASSERTIVELY AND COLLABORATIVELY

**Thursday 8 October 1.30 - 5 pm**

**Frame questions** - How to frame questions to encourage open-mindedness, open up the possibilities for understanding one another in discussions and ensure mutually beneficial information can be gathered.

**Speak persuasively** - Use approaches that encourage people to listen to you and be open to persuasion even when there may be an atmosphere of doubt and historical conflict.

**Create a state of open-mindedness** - How to create an atmosphere that will encourage acceptance of new information and a willingness to consider new ideas rather than arguing fixed, disputed ideas.

### SKILLS FOR TURNING CONFLICT INTO A COLLABORATIVE ATMOSPHERE

**Friday 9 October 9 am - 12.30 pm**

**Understand conflict** - Identify what to resolve and what to live with. Several approaches that improve the atmosphere in initial interchanges will be used.

**Seek common ground** - How to find common ground in the presence of conflict so there is hope of finding a mutually beneficial basis for discussions.

**Change conflict language into constructive messages** - How to turn challenging, confronting language into constructive, problem-solving communication.

**To register email** - [gaypavelka@conflictresolution.net.nz](mailto:gaypavelka@conflictresolution.net.nz) or Phone (03) 3297 847

Please register by Friday 18 September 2015 - maximum of 12 people per course.

## Coasts and Ports 2015

**15-18 September 2015, Auckland**



The poster for the Coasts & Ports 2015 Auckland conference features a bright orange background with a sunburst pattern. At the top right, a white box contains the text "REGISTRATIONS OPEN". The main title "COASTS & PORTS 2015 AUCKLAND" is prominently displayed in the center, with the "O"s in "COASTS" and "PORTS" replaced by circular icons of a ship and a port. To the right of the title, the dates "15-18 September 2015" and the venue "Pullman Hotel and Conference Centre" are listed. Below the title, a blue banner reads "ENVIRONOMICS". The website "www.coastsandports2015.com" is at the bottom right. The bottom of the poster features a blue silhouette of the Auckland skyline and a row of logos: Engineers Australia, IPENZ (Engineers New Zealand), The Huianga Takatū o Aotearoa New Zealand Coastal Society, and the Auckland Harbour Board logo.

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COASTAL SOCIETY**

**AUCKLAND HARBOUR BOARD**



# Local Government and Heritage New Zealand Symposium: *working together*

- *Do you engage with heritage buildings and archaeological sites within a local government context?*
- *Want to know more about how Heritage New Zealand operates?*
- *Keen to improve your understanding of earthquake strengthening solutions and archaeology?*

Heritage New Zealand, in partnership with the Waimakariri District Council and Environment Canterbury, are hosting a day-long symposium on Thursday 8 October 2015.

The programme brings together experts in the fields of heritage incentives and planning, earthquake engineering, archaeology, and heritage law.

This symposium can count towards CPD points for New Zealand Planning Institute members and CEnvP points for Environment Institute of Australia & New Zealand members.

**Venue:** Rangiora Town Hall function room,  
303 High Street, Rangiora

**Date:** Thursday 8 October 2015

**Time:** 9am - 4pm

**Cost:** \$140

**Further information and Ticketing:** via [Eventfinder](#)

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided. Please let us know if you have specific dietary requirements. Email: [infosouthern@heritage.org.nz](mailto:infosouthern@heritage.org.nz)

We can provide a list of local recommended accommodation providers in Rangiora.

**Contact event registrars:**

Rosemary Baird: [rbaird@heritage.org.nz](mailto:rbaird@heritage.org.nz) or

Jane Pidgeon: [infosouthern@heritage.org.nz](mailto:infosouthern@heritage.org.nz)



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## **NZPI Water Quantity and Quality Workshops**

### **July – October 2015, Nationwide**

The NZ Planning Institute are running four workshops around the country on water quantity and quality planning under the RMA. The workshops are facilitated by Helen Marr (Perception Planning) and Kate McArthur (The Catalyst Group). These will be good courses for water technical people to gain a better understanding of the RMA planning context, regional plan development and the implications of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management. Please feel free to forward to any colleagues who might be interested.

More information at the links below.

Hamilton - 15 September:

[https://www.planning.org.nz/Event?Action=View&Event\\_id=442](https://www.planning.org.nz/Event?Action=View&Event_id=442)

Christchurch - 1 October:

[https://www.planning.org.nz/Event?Action=View&Event\\_id=445](https://www.planning.org.nz/Event?Action=View&Event_id=445)

## **IWC Scholarships**

The International WaterCentre is currently offering a range of scholarships for professionals interested in joining either the Master of Integrated Water Management or Water Leadership Program next year. These industry-relevant programs equip participants with the technical, leadership and managerial skills they need to tackle complex water management challenges in a more effective and integrated way.

Both programs can be delivered at distance with a short period of face-to-face training in Australia and the rest delivered through online platforms.

### **Master of Integrated Water Management - Scholarships (close 1 October)**

Full-tuition scholarships (\$49,920) for part-time/distance or full-time study commencing at The University of Queensland in Semester 1, 2016. The degree is taught by leading industry practitioners and lecturers from IWC's founding universities.

### **Water Leadership Program - Scholarships (close 15 September)**

Several full (\$11,500) and half (\$5,750) scholarships for emerging leaders at the project to middle management level to participate in this nine-month award-winning program starting in December.

More information: [www.watercentre.org/iwc-scholarships](http://www.watercentre.org/iwc-scholarships)

Contact: email [admin@watercentre.org](mailto:admin@watercentre.org) | phone 07 3014 0200

## National Direction – New Policy

# A WAY FORWARD FOR NATIONAL DIRECTION

## Introduction

National direction sets out how specific resources should be managed to protect the environment, strengthen the economy and enable New Zealanders to provide for their social and cultural well-being.

This brochure provides information on the current priorities for national direction.

## List of priorities

The Government uses the Resource Management Act to set national direction through national policy statements (NPSs), national environmental standards (NESs) and regulations.

The list of priorities for national direction will give communities, businesses and councils more certainty about upcoming national direction.

To qualify for national direction, a topic must involve one of the following:

- significant national-level benefits, costs or values
- significant benefits of having a consistent approach across the country
- technical complexity that makes it more efficient or effective to address the issue at the national level.

## List of environmental standards and policies

Topic	Indicative date of completion	Description
Telecommunication facilities (amendments)	2016	Changes to bring the existing NES up to date with current technology.
Plantation forestry	2016	Nationally-consistent rules to reduce compliance costs for plantation forestry.
Urban development	2016	Requirements for councils to provide sufficient capacity for urban development including housing.
Freshwater management (amendments)	Consultation in 2016	Next steps on freshwater management from Land and Water Forum and Iwi Leaders discussions to improve governance, quality and allocation including new requirements to exclude dairy cattle from waterways.
Biodiversity (subject to agreement on terms of reference between farmers and conservation groups)	2016/17	Clear national guidance on implementation of section 6(c) of the RMA.
Pest control/eradication	2016	Improving the regulatory approach to pest control and avoiding duplication with the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act.
Air (amendments)	2016	Changes to the existing NES to incorporate current findings on the health impacts of air pollution.
Aquaculture	2016	Nationally-consistent framework for the management of aquaculture space to provide greater certainty for investment in aquaculture.
Contaminants in soil (amendments)	2017	Changes to make the existing NES more targeted toward risks from contaminants.
Natural hazards	2018	Guidance on managing significant risks from natural hazards.

## Updating the list of priorities

As work progresses on the current list, the Government will also work to identify new priorities. An updated list of national direction priorities will be published in 2016.

Published by the Ministry for the Environment in August 2015  
INFO 748



Ministry for the  
**Environment**  
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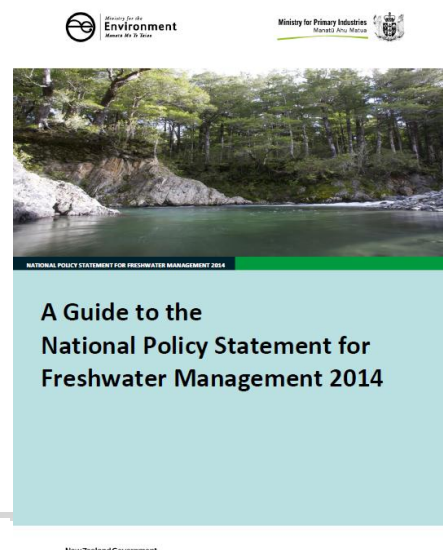
## A guide to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014

This guide provides information about the policy intent and requirements of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014 (NPS-FM). Its purpose is to help local authorities, planning practitioners and water users understand the objectives and policies of the NPS-FM, and to help local authorities when considering how the NPS-FM should be implemented.

This is an updated version of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2011: Implementation Guide, originally published in 2011.

It is part of a package of guidance being developed to support the implementation of the NPS-FM.

Get your copy at <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/fresh-water/guide-national-policy-statement-freshwater-management-2014>



## Certified Environmental Practitioner

### For those thinking of applying

The CEnvP website provides some useful application tips and advice – these are the things that will help with the processing of your application. See <http://www.cenvp.org/apply/applications.php>

One of the bits of advice is to take the requirement for continuing professional development seriously. This is probably one of the areas where the more information you can provide as part of your application the better. The CEnvP website says it is worthwhile to submit a CPD log for the past year. I'd go a step further to say submit the log, along with an outline of your proposed CPD activities for the forthcoming 12 months. If you don't submit it as part of your application, you are likely to be asked to bring it along to your interview.

Another important tip is to submit a complete application. Missing information slows down the processing of your application and in the worst case; you will be deferred to the following round of interviews.

If your workplace or local EIANZ branch would like to learn more about the application process or the Scheme, please get in touch. There are a number of CEnvPs around the country who are more than happy to come and talk to you about the benefits of Certification and the process of applying.

We encourage suitably qualified practitioners to participate in this important initiative for the environment profession. For more information about certification criteria and the application process, please visit [www.CEnvP.org/apply](http://www.CEnvP.org/apply)

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## Call for Articles and Ideas

We will be putting out this newsletter quarterly and need interesting and informative articles every time!

Have you...

- Finished an interesting project?
- Attended a training course you found valuable?
- Have some photos that you just have to share?
- Got some ideas for other things you would like to see in this newsletter?

***If so, we would love to add your two cents to the newsletter.***

If you would like to share, please do send any suggestions, articles, photos to [Craig Redmond](#). The next newsletter will be out at the end of September, so please send any **submissions through by 23 September 2015**.

## Have your details changed?

It is important for us to keep your details up to date. If you have recently moved house or job, changed your phone number or email address please let us know by sending an email to [newzealand@eianz.org](mailto:newzealand@eianz.org) to ensure that your details are up to date.

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