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February – always just flies by!!! As I am about to go off and tie the knot, it would be great if someone wants to pull together the March newsletter – so if you are interested, send an email to nznewsletter.eianz@gmail.com and let me know.

On the BOX

Auckland Islands research sheds light on climate change

Check out the story on NewsHub at <http://www.newshub.co.nz/environmentsci/auckland-islands-research-sheds-light-on-climate-change-effects-2016021417#axzz41Wk8ONtR>

In the News

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

Legislation

[Auckland Council told to complete Unitary Plan on time](#)

[Ngai Tahu guaranteed two seats on Canterbury regional council](#)

[Fish and Game rejects planned RMA changes affecting water conservation orders](#)

Conservation/Ecology

[DoC considers alternative to Tongariro Crossing](#)

[DoC wages war on wasps in Abel Tasman National Park](#)

[Swamp kauri environmental group applies for discovery of Ministry emails](#)

[Shark seen cruising Dunedin's Andersons Bay](#)

[Mystery fish washes up on beach](#)

Water

[Repeated cattle in water sightings a 'marketing disaster' - tourism industry](#)

[\\$3m Lower Mararoa River restoration complete](#)

[Hawke's Bay Regional Council considers plan to stop Wahi Dam discharge](#)

[Work starts to halt Waihi Dam discharge](#)

[Wairoa District Council to ask Eastland Group for compensation for Waiau River damage](#)

[Water quality debate another attack of Tim Groser's disease](#)

[North Canterbury's Lake Pegasus closed due to possible algae bloom](#)

Consent Hearings/Developments

[Community use and greenery at heart of Waimak red zone vision](#)

[Meeting to discuss Council rezoning plan – Auckland](#)

[Auckland special meeting on contentious 'upzoning' could create chaos](#)

[Vote leaves Auckland \(Council\) out of hearings on its own residential zoning](#)

[Christchurch landowners trapped in 'dead man's land' by highway and zone change](#)

[Wellington runway extension savaged](#)

[Wellington Airport runway extension plan backing grows, chamber survey shows](#)

[Minister for the Environment joins planning appeal](#)

[Dunedin \\$8m cycleways work to begin](#)

[Cycle trail bridge said to have 'significant' adverse effects](#)

[Plan change enabling 3800 new Queenstown homes approved by commissioners](#)

[Auckland's rail network needs another \\$1.4 billion](#)

[59 homes to be bulldozed for \\$300m highway](#)

[Commissioners report: Rena application granted but conditions must be met](#)

[Christchurch's Environment Court building buried under dairy farm – Contractor now in the Environment Court](#)

[Couple divided over allowing seismic survey on to their farm](#) – Taranaki

Climate Change

[UN climate chief Christiana Figueres to step down](#)

['Consequences' for the US if it quits Paris climate deal](#)

[First large biodiesel plant to open](#)

[Marsden Point carbon dioxide plant opens](#)

Cultural Heritage

[Council proposal to remove protected tree status cut back](#) – Christchurch

Contamination

[BoP orchards placed on hazardous activity register](#)

General

[Waikato River Authority raises concerns over new health and safety act](#)

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/>

Groundwater training course: 2016

Introduction to Groundwater: Principles and Practices

This two-day training event features a variety of experienced presenters - Tony Laws, Colin Hazel, John Bradd, Chris MacAuley, Michael Blackham, Richard George, Steve Appleyard and others.

This course will be run in Hamilton on April 12-13 2016.

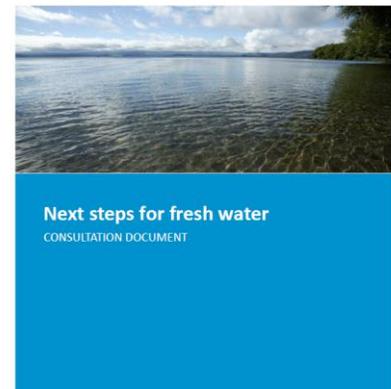
For more information - http://www.srit.com.au/course_details.php?id=122

Next steps for fresh water: Consultation document

The Government is seeking feedback on proposed changes to the way fresh water is managed. These reforms aim to improve our management of fresh water to deliver better environmental and economic outcomes and better outcomes for iwi.

Submissions are due by 5.00pm Friday 22 April 2016. Go to <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/fresh-water/next-steps-fresh-water-consultation-document> for more information.

[New Zealand Government](#)



Briefing to the incoming Minister 2015

This briefing was provided to the Minister for Climate Change Issues in December 2015.

Read the [Environmental Protection Authority](#) Briefing to the Incoming Minister for Climate Change Issues.

To read your copy, go to <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/about-us/briefing-incoming-minister-2015>

A new Marine Protected Areas Act: Consultation document

This consultation document sets out the Government's proposal for a new approach to marine protection in New Zealand. If agreed the policy recommendations would form a new Marine Protected Areas Act. This new act would replace the Marine Reserves Act 1971.

Have your say

To make a submission go to the [Consultation on proposed reforms to the management of marine protected areas](#) web page

Submissions are due **by 5.00pm Friday 11 March 2016**.

Afforestation responses to carbon price changes and market certainties

This technical note provides an expert opinion on the likely forestry sector response to various carbon prices. It was commissioned by the Ministry for Primary Industries and undertaken by Professor Bruce Manley of the New Zealand School of Forestry at the University of Canterbury.

It is one of three technical notes provided to support submissions for the NZ ETS review 2015/16 on the following priority issues.

- removing the one-for-two transitional measure
- managing the costs of removing the one-for-two transitional measure.

It may also be of relevance to other issues.

For the other two technical notes supporting priority issues see related publications below.

The 'Afforestation responses to carbon price changes and market certainties' technical note supplements the 'Economic impacts of removing NZ ETS transitional measures' which does not fully represent the impacts of the NZ ETS on the forestry sector.

To make a submission or for information on the NZ ETS review 2015/16 see [Consultation for the NZ ETS review 2015/16](#). Submissions for priority issues closed on 19 February 2016.

Read a copy of the technical note at <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/climate-change/afforestation-responses-carbon-price-changes-and-market-certainties>

The New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme evaluation report 2016

This report presents the findings of the Ministry's evaluation of the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme's (NZ ETS) short-, medium- and long-term performance. The purpose of the evaluation is to gain a greater understanding of the impacts of the NZ ETS. It is a first step towards implementing a complete monitoring and evaluation plan for the NZ ETS.

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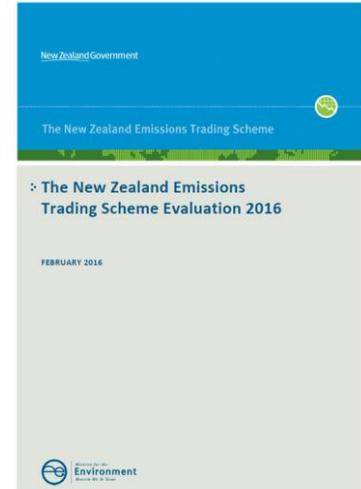
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Read your copy of this report at <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/climate-change/new-zealand-emissions-trading-scheme-evaluation-report-2016>



Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund: Guide for applicants for project funding

[This document provides](#) information about the Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund (CSRF) and guidance for completing an application for funding for a contaminated site investigation and/or remediation project.

Community Environment Fund Supporting Information for Applicants: Open Contestable Funding Round 8 – April 2016

[This document provides guidance](#) on completing an application for funding from the Community Environment Fund round 8.

It provides an overview of the full funding process, and information to help you complete your application. After checking your project is eligible, please read the guide carefully to ensure your project matches the assessment criteria.

For more information about the application process and to download the application form (parts 1 and 2) go to the Community Environment Fund funding round 8 April 2016 web page.

Applications need to be received by the Ministry between 9.00 am Monday 18 April 2016 and 12 noon Monday 2 May 2016.

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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

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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](mailto:Craig.Redmond). The next newsletter will be out at the end of February, so please send any **submissions through by 23 March 2016.**

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 to ensure that your details are up to date.

Key Institute and Chapter Information

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