



ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE
Conference

Call for Abstracts

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Environmental Compliance Conference

26 - 28 November 2024

Tākina Wellington Convention & Exhibition Centre, Wellington

Join us at the 2024 Environmental Compliance Conference and share in the pool of knowledge we have gathered together for this year's annual event. Discover the most up-to-date practices, tools and techniques for efficient and effective environmental compliance. We'll explore the topic of next generation compliance tools, improving environmental performance, exploring innovations and practical applications in a New Zealand context.

The Environmental Compliance Conference is two full days of practical learning, field trips, exhibition and workshops from renowned experts, focused on practical and tactical solutions to compliance problems and opportunities in New Zealand.

The 2024 Environmental Compliance Conference will bring together professionals working in environmental compliance to hear the views of experienced peers, exchange ideas, review best practice, learn from case studies and catch up with their colleagues across three streams of exciting talks.

Objectives of the Conference:

- Foster the professional development of compliance officers
- Learn about best practice from recognised experts
- Encourage professional debate within the sector
- Address key issues through practical case studies
- Hear the views of key stakeholders

We look forward to seeing you there!



Submit an Abstract

The 2024 Committee invites YOU to submit your abstract TODAY!

Conference theme:

“Building capacity and capability together”

Sub-theme 1:

How to thrive in a regulatory environment

Regulatory roles can be a tough gig and front-line compliance officers are often working in a confrontational and high-stress environment. Increased regulation can also lead to increased pressure on the communities we regulate which can have an impact on their health and wellbeing.

What lessons have we learned over the past 20 years of environmental regulation in Aotearoa New Zealand? What can we do better to support frontline compliance officers? How can we design regulatory systems and compliance programmes that make implementation easier and more efficient for all parties? How can we become more resilient at an individual and organisational level?

We are looking for abstracts which:

- Provide case studies of challenging compliance situations, and how compliance officers have maintained resilience in those environments
- Provide guidance on maintaining individual resilience and wellbeing in the regulatory environment
- Discuss the strategies to enhance implementation, including designing in features of regulatory systems and compliance programmes that make compliance more likely.

Key Information

Environmental Compliance 2024 is two full days of practical learning, including three streams, workshops, field trip and walking tour options, delivered by local experts focused on practical tactical solutions to compliance problems in NZ.

Sub-theme 2:

Changing landscapes - getting the basics right

Changing environmental legislation creates a challenging environment for frontline environmental regulators. It can lead to confusion for the communities we regulate and regulators alike, procedural complexities and difficulties in maintaining momentum. We are also moving towards a world of 'fast track consenting' where decision making on major projects is moved out of the control of local government and more emphasis placed on local government CME with regard to large infrastructure type projects. This makes it important to focus on the principles of compliance monitoring and enforcement. How do we ensure CME thinking is embedded into good policy and consenting decision making? What does best practice look like?

In the 20th anniversary year of the Environmental Compliance Conference, we want to showcase examples of best practice environmental compliance across the country, and give you the tools to achieve excellent outcomes in the future. Great compliance outcomes start with carefully crafted policy and consents.

We are looking for abstracts which:

- Provide guidance on what best practice in CME looks like, and discusses the tools and expertise a CME officer should look to develop over their career
- Provide case studies that demonstrate examples of where these best practice approaches to resource management issues have been adopted, or that demonstrate the pitfalls where best practice is not achieved
- Provide guidance and case studies on best practice integration of CME and policy and consenting – how has this been effectively achieved?

Key Information continued...

Sub-theme 3

What does environmental CME look like 20 years from now?

Environmental regulation will be a cornerstone of our approach to managing the triple planetary crises. Compliance and enforcement of that regulation is a critical component of the effectiveness of systems in safeguarding the natural world. The coming decades entail unprecedented pressure on resources and the pressure on regulators to perform will only increase.

Over the last 20 years we have seen dramatic changes to the tools and technologies available in the field of environmental compliance. The manner in which we choose to regulate with restrained resources is also adapting, from the tools we choose to seek behaviour change, to the way we work with stakeholders, the regulated community and mana whenua. This is in terms of what is available for regulated communities to demonstrate their compliance and how regulators undertake compliance monitoring and other functions.

How can we ensure we utilise new technology as it becomes available to ensure efficiencies are gained for both regulators and the communities we regulate? How can we ensure data is collected to better inform compliance operations? What does 'good' look like in terms of local authorities working with mana whenua when undertaking compliance and enforcement activities? What are some good examples of innovative approaches to seek/encourage compliance? How can we make sure we have a strong workforce and pipeline of environmental compliance expertise in Aotearoa New Zealand? What will it take to drive the initiatives needed to achieve an effective system over the next 20 years?

We are looking for abstracts which:

- Have a vision for the future of CME and the environment. What will a CME officer be doing in 20 years? Looking back, what has changed in the last 20 years, and how can we expect this to change over the next 20?
- Consider the changing state of our environment including the impact of increasing severe weather events. How do our experiences inform what may happen in the future? What will the impacts of regulatory change in 2024 be in 2044? How might the role of a compliance officer evolve and change, and what new technologies, challenges and opportunities may arise?
- What will engagement with mana whenua and mātauranga māori look like in 20 years?

Registration and Programme

FEES

Your registration includes access to keynote speakers, two days of educational content, workshops, Welcome Function, Gala dinner and the opportunity to sit down one-on-one with some of the leading minds in the compliance world.

Early Bird \$990.00 +GST - Early Bird rate ends on September 27th 2024

Standard \$1,090.00 +GST

Venue capacity is limited so please book early.

FIELD TRIP & WALKING TOUR

Any associated costs for the Field Trip & Walking Tour will be confirmed via the Registration process

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 26th November

5.00pm Registration Opens

6.00pm Welcome function

Wednesday 27th November

8.00am Registration

8.30am Keynotes

Breakout Sessions

6.00pm Pre-dinner drinks

6.30pm Gala dinner with guest speaker

Thursday 28th November

9.00am Keynotes

10.00am Field Trip and/or Walking Tour and breakout sessions

4.00pm Close of Conference

***times subject to change**

Submission Guidelines & Conditions

All abstracts must be submitted by Friday 17 May 2024.

Acceptance or otherwise is at the discretion of the Conference Committee. Submitters will be advised of their acceptance by late June 2024.

All Power Point presentations are due by Friday 31 October 2024.

ACCEPTANCE

- All Speakers must register to attend the Conference. They can either purchase a full registration or a day registration for the day of their presentation. If a presenter wishes to come to the conference for their presentation only, they can register for a presentation only pass. This pass does not include any conference sessions, functions or catering, it will simply be entry for your presentation only.
- Selected presentations/workshops must be presented by the author/s. If the author is unable to present then you must provide a substitute presenter to the satisfaction of and in consultation with the organizing committee.
- Acceptance of abstracts does not imply any payment from the Conference Committee.
- Speakers must arrange and pay their own accommodation, travel etc. to attend the Conference, unless otherwise stated.
- If accepted and added to the programme, only to find you are no longer able to present, you must find a replacement for your talk to the satisfaction of and in consultation with the organizing committee.

REQUIREMENTS

- Your submission should include an indication of a presentation focus on 'learning outcomes' rather than a 'show and tell' approach.
- Submissions that allow a degree of interactivity with attendees are preferred.
- Accepted presenters will be expected to have good presentation skills.
- Please think carefully about your abstract title as this cannot be changed once accepted. The title must be no more than 36 characters (inc. spaces); you have the option of including a tagline if you need to expand on your title.
- Abstracts must be no more than 1800 characters due to restrictions when compiling the conference handbook.
- For presentations/workshops that have co-presenters please assign a lead presenter to be responsible for the abstract submission. If co-presenting, please complete the 'co-presenter' section on the submission form and ensure the abstract title is an exact match to what your lead presenter has provided.

[Click here to submit your abstract now](#)

Enquiries

The Compliance Conference has appointed the NZ Planning Institute (NZPI) as the 2024 conference organiser for this event.

NZ Planning will be managing the conference. General Enquiries can be made to the following:

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