
Amelia Linzey

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Amelia is a highly sought after and respected planning and social impact practitioner, who has over the course of her career been integral in shaping communities across NZ. She has led or been involved in some significant urban development and major infrastructure projects. This includes the development of Auckland Unitary Plan and the Christchurch Replacement Plan, as well as Board of Inquiry's for major roading projects such as the East West Link and Waterview Connection in Auckland. She has a passion to work with communities to fully understand how a project may influence their environment, so as to ensure that projects result in the best possible outcomes.

Amelia provides technical leadership both within Beca, where she has worked for more than 20 years, and to the wider planning industry. She was recently appointed Beca's inaugural Chief Planner which recognises her as a leader and technical champion. She is also an executive Director on the Beca Ltd (New Zealand) and Beca Group (global) Boards, is Beca's Corporate Sustainability Champion and Chair of Beca's Sustainability Steering Group.

Throughout her career, Amelia has continued to support the planning industry through a wide range of different roles and initiatives. She is currently editor of the New Zealand Planning Quarterly, has delivered various NZPI/RMLA training programmes throughout NZ, presented numerous papers and is a Council Member of the NZ Sustainable Business Council. She is a mentor and role model to emerging planners and social scientists and has no hesitation in sharing her knowledge and experience with the wider planning community.

Amelia has more recently been appointed a member of the Resource Management Review Panel for the comprehensive review of the RMA that was announced in July 2019. This is a testament to her profile and reputation as a leading planning and resource management practitioner within NZ.