

Planning Focus

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Defence Climate Change Implementation Plan Released

Source: www.beehive.govt.nz

Minister of Defence Ron Mark and Minister for Climate Change James Shaw have announced the release of a Defence Climate Change Implementation Work Plan, titled Responding to the Climate Crisis: An Implementation Plan.

The plan sets out a series of recommendations based on the 2018 New Zealand Defence Assessment, The Climate Crisis: Defence Readiness and Responsibilities, released last December.

In support of the wider New Zealand Government work programme on climate change, the Ministry of Defence and the New Zealand Defence Force have encouraged Defence forces to consider what effect climate change will have on their activities. This includes recognising the potential of climate change to increase the need for humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, as a well as the potential to present security risks.

"The impacts of climate change continue to intensify globally, and in our region, exacerbating a range of human security challenges, including community violence, biosecurity and health implications, and resource scarcity—notably around food and water shortages," says Ron Mark ...

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Call for Contributions

PLANNING FOCUS is the weekly e-Newsletter of the New Zealand Planning Institute. If you have any new/info that would be of interest to members, please email melissa.hubbard@planning.org.nz

NZPI Member Profile

Keeping your personal details up to date will ensure you don't miss out on valuable information from the institute, **please remember to [update your contact details](#)** whenever you move or change jobs.

To update your place of employment, please [click here](#)



How a Small Texas City Rewrote the Rules of Development

A small town outside Austin, Texas, took a big step toward becoming a more sustainable and walkable community. In many ways, it was as simple as getting back on the grid. Last month, Bastrop, Texas, adopted a new building code, known as Bastrop Building Block, or B3, which radically alters how the city will approach development. Instead of using the one-size-fits-all approach common to land-use policy, the new flexible system was designed to address three interrelated issues hitting municipalities across the county: population growth, aging infrastructure, and outdated development patterns ...

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REMINDER | Full RMA Review

As you will be aware, the Government has commenced a review of NZ's resource management system. NZPI has been researching this matter for a while now and has developed some policy ideas which we'd like your views on. Recently, the newly formed RMA Review Panel released an issues and options paper, and we'd like your views on that as well.

This survey is in two parts:

- The first part asks your opinion about policy ideas and approaches developed by NZPI;
- The second part asks your opinion about the issues and options paper (you can skip this if you haven't read it)

There's also space under each question for qualitative responses if you'd like to make a contribution.

[Please click here to begin](#) - (Survey closes 20 Dec)

We look forward to your thoughts on this important initiative.



Non-Active Membership

Are you taking a break from employment due to personal reasons? Maybe illness, parental leave, unemployment or personal difficulties? We encourage you to contact the Membership team as you may be entitled to a Non-Active membership. [Click here](#) for further details.

Working Part-Time?

A partially-active membership is available to any member that works 25 hours or less per week over a sustained period. [Click here](#) for more information or contact the Membership team to discuss your situation further.

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2020 Award Nominations



Nominations close:
24th Jan 2020
5pm

Late nominations will
not be accepted

The New Zealand Planning Institute is now calling for nominations for the 2020 NZPI Annual Awards and Scholarships/Grants which will be presented at the 2020 NZPI Annual Conference to be held in Nelson.

There is ground breaking work happening in the planning profession all across New Zealand. From both the public and private sector and in both large and small organisations, planners are delivering projects that are innovative, creative and represent the best of our profession. NZPI celebrates the work of these planners through our Annual Awards. So, if you have a project, no matter how small or large, that is innovative and reflects best practice then please take the opportunity to celebrate and share your work and learnings throughout the planning profession by submitting a nomination to the NZPI Annual Awards.

Registering a nomination is easy.

Just fill in the relevant form and return with requested attachments by email to Vanessa White before 5pm, 24 January 2020 (please note there will be no acceptance of late nominations).

- [Annual Awards & Nomination form](#)
- [Scholarship/Grants & Application form](#)

We encourage you to take this opportunity to celebrate best practice within the planning profession by submitting a nomination to the Awards.

Salary Survey

The NZPI Salary survey has proven a useful resource for members, providing them with a guideline on the profession's demographics, salaries and benefits. The survey's increasing robustness, thanks to the great response rate, has also meant that a growing number of recruiters and employers are using it to inform their decisions around remuneration for planners.

We encourage you to participate in this year's survey and thereby contribute to the strength and reliability of the results.

[Please click here to begin](#)

2020 NZPI Annual Conference

Sponsorship & Exhibition Opportunities

NZPI is calling for Sponsorship Support for the 2020 National Conference, 'VALUES / VOICES / VISION' being held 31st March - 03 April in Nelson.

Being a sponsor at the largest planning event to be held in Whakatū/Nelson will maximise your brand awareness and increase your credibility with the decision makers within planning.

If you have stories, new technology, projects or practices to share with industry professionals throughout New Zealand, then this is your opportunity to leverage this gathering in a showcase of the latest in best practice and planning expertise.

[Click here to download the 2020 Sponsorship Prospectus](#)



JOBS

NZPI's Situations Vacant service connects you with planning opportunities available throughout the country.

Latest Jobs In Planning

- **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER** | Bay of Plenty Regional Council
Location: Tauranga **Level:** Manager **Closing:** 11/12/19
- **INTERMEDIATE PLANNER** | Forme Planning
Location: Britomart, Auckland **Level:** Intermediate **Closing:** 05/01/20
- **CONSENTS PLANNER** | Waikato District Council
Location: Waikato **Level:** Intermediate **Closing:** 12/01/19
- **CONSENTS TEAM LEADER** | Waikato District Council
Location: Waikato **Level:** Senior **Closing:** 12/01/19
- **SENIOR POLICY PLANNER** | West Coast Regional Council
Location: Greymouth **Level:** Senior **Closing:** 23/12/19

Last Weeks Listings

- **STRATEGIC PLANNING MANAGER** | Gisborne District Council
- **PLANNER** | Hill Young Cooper
- **TRANSPORT SERVICES MANAGER** | Horizons Regional Council
- **MANAGER - PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES** | Invercargill City Council
- **MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING** | Nelson City Council
- **SENIOR STRATEGIC PLANNER** | New Plymouth District Council

EVENTS



NZPI Conferences

- [2020 Environmental Compliance Conference](#)
Details will be available soon

Branch & SIG Events

- [Nelson/Marlborough Branch Christmas Social Event](#)
12 Dec 2019, Nelson

Industry Events

- Watch this space



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Join us in Nelson, the centre of New Zealand, for the NZPI 2020 Annual Conference. Explore how we promote the values, voices and vision of the planning profession, and the people we work with. We'll examine the broader role of planning in today's environment, and discuss how planners hear the voices of iwi, the community, and other professions.

You'll be inspired by thought leaders guiding the development of our communities and the management of our natural resources, and discover how planning can influence New Zealand's strategic direction. You'll also experience what the fantastic Nelson region has to offer! Nau mai, haere mai ki Whatatū i te tau ihu ō te waka a Māui.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! www.nzpiconference.org

Advertising Opportunities

• Job Opportunities

Advertising with us means you specifically target qualified planners, we believe no one else will be able to offer you this kind of target audience.

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• Online Consultants Directory +PQConnect

We produce an online Consultants Directory to help companies enhance their visibility at an affordable price and to help the public find a qualified Consultant in their region. Who Should Advertise? Planners, Architects, Landscape Designers, Surveyors, Engineers, Lawyers and other Professionals involved in Planning, Design and the Environment.

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• Events

Simply complete the online '[Event Advertising Request](#)' form and we'll get back to you with a quote. There is no charge for free events or events organised by NZPI Branches or the NZPI Young Planners Group. Event advertising is subject to the approval of our Events Manager.



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