

# Planning Focus

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## How is New Zealand's landscape changing?

Source: [www.scoop.co.nz](http://www.scoop.co.nz)

New Zealand's land cover is constantly changing. This week sees the release of version 5 of New Zealand's Land Cover Database (LCDB), which details these changes, helping us to understand how the way we are using our land is changing.

Because of the important information contained in the database, Manaaki Whenua – Landcare Research (MWLR) was funded to produce this newly updated LCDB, on behalf of the Government, by the Ministry for the Environment, Te Uru Rākau (Ministry for Primary Industries), and Department of Conservation.

Land cover describes the extent of vegetation, built environments, water bodies, and bare natural surfaces across New Zealand. It is an important measure of environmental change and urban development and is used for policy, research, environmental reporting and decision-making at national and regional level.

The LCDB differentiates the New Zealand landscape between 33 different types of land cover and provides spatial distribution and changes over time. Using the LCDB, changes in the areas of plantation forestry, indigenous forest, scrub, wetlands or pasture can be identified ...

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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](mailto:melissa.hubbard@planning.org.nz)

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## Big Science: Next decade of quakes

In the decade New Zealand was rattled by more than 226,000 quakes big enough to be felt – including a half-dozen that topped a magnitude of 7.0. Researchers now are investigating whether those big events, such as the 7.8 Kaikoura Earthquake in 2016, could leave a shaky legacy for the next 10 years. Currently, there's no way to predict when and how earthquakes will happen in the future. Indeed one scientist told ...

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## New homes around 20 percent smaller

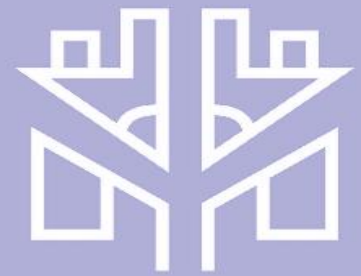
The average floor area of new homes consented in 2019 was about 21 percent (42 square metres) smaller than the peak of 200 square metres in the December 2010 year, Stats NZ said today. “The drop in new home size is primarily due to stand-alone houses getting smaller,” construction statistics manager Melissa McKenzie said. “While stand-alone houses still account for the majority of new homes in New Zealand, an increasing proportion of ...

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## Designing Gender-Inclusive Cities that Work for All

Modern cities are designed BY MEN and FOR MEN, thereby limiting women's access to economic and social development, according a new World Bank publication launched today at the World Urban Forum (WUF10). The [Handbook](#) for Gender-Inclusive Urban Planning and Design makes the point that with women occupying just 10 percent of ...

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## NZPI Welcomes New Supporter

**NZPI is pleased to welcome Topland New Zealand as new supporters in NZPI's Promoting Planning Excellence programme.**

“Topland New Zealand is a boutique Planning and Investment Consultancy based in East Auckland. We value our local knowledge, support community growth and invest environment, innovation and eco-tourism projects. Our Planners provide a professional service to both the public and private sectors and highly recognise NZPI's role in providing professional development and setting industrial standards”.

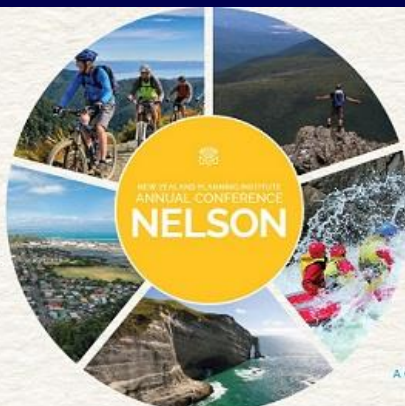
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# JOBS

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## Latest Jobs In Planning

- **GRADUATE PLANNER** | Enspire  
**Location:** Tauranga **Level:** Junior **Closing:** 12/03/20
- **SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR** | Federated Farmers of NZ  
**Location:** Dunedin and Invercargill **Level:** Senior **Closing:** 15/03/20
- **RESOURCE CONSENTS PLANNERS** | Gisborne District Council  
**Location:** Gisborne **Level:** Highly Experienced **Closing:** -
- **PLANNER / INTERMEDIATE PLANNER** | Hamilton City Council  
**Location:** Hamilton **Level:** Intermediate **Closing:** 01/03/20
- **PLANNER** | Hill Young Cooper  
**Location:** Auckland **Level:** Junior **Closing:** 02/03/20

## Last Weeks Listings

- **TECHNICAL DIRECTORS - PLANNING** | AECOM New Zealand Ltd
- **CONSENTS PLANNER** | Aukaha (1997) Ltd
- **PRINCIPAL / SENIOR PLANNER** | Aukaha (1997) Ltd
- **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER** | Bay of Plenty Regional Council
- **SENIOR PLANNER - PARKS** | Hamilton City Council
- **SENIOR PLANNER (CONSENTS)** | Incite
- **SENIOR PLANNER** | Kaipara District Council
- **PLANNING TEAM LEADER** | Mackenzie District Council
- **LOOKING FOR EXTRAORDINARY CONSULTANTS** | Mitchell Daysh Limited

To view all current job opportunities [click here ...](#)



## NZPI Conferences

- [2020 Environmental Compliance Conference](#)  
19 – 21 October, Christchurch

## Branch & SIG Events

- [Auckland Airport of the Future](#)  
20 Feb 2020, Auckland

## Industry Events

- Watch this space

# EVENTS



*“All members are strongly advised to familiarise themselves with their NZPI CPD requirements for planning their CPD in 2020 [click here](#)”*

## Upcoming NZPI Courses/Workshops

- [Emerging Technologies and Resource Management](#)  
18 Feb 2020, Auckland
- [Planning for Administrators](#)  
20 Feb 2020, Palmerston North
- [RC1 Resource Consents: An Update](#)  
03 Mar 2020, Wellington
- [Planning for Maori Values: Introduction](#)  
04 Mar 2020, Hamilton

*Workshops have a minimum number requirement, PLEASE BOOK EARLY to ensure it goes ahead. Registration deadline is normally 2 - 3 weeks prior to the event, depending on the venue.*



# NZPI CPD Spotlight on ...

## Effective Stakeholder Engagement

02 Mar 2020, Tauranga | 16 Mar 2020, Nelson | 30 Oct 2020, Hamilton | 16 Nov 2020, Auckland

The purpose of this course is to help you become more effective in engaging and influencing others; equipping them with various tools, models and processes to support their success in this area.

Dealing with people, rather than facts or technical needs, is arguably the single most complex challenge for any Planner. In any business or project situation, there are many different groups and individuals who need to be engaged and kept informed. At times this can seem overwhelming and it is often hard to see how to keep everyone satisfied. Effectively engaging others is fundamental to success, as it ensures higher value outcomes are delivered, people have a more positive experience and risks and cost overheads are reduced.

The course presents proven “how to” steps and processes. It covers the five steps of stakeholder relationship management: identify – prioritise – understand – engage – measure, taking a methodical approach, exploring issues, providing tools to help improve effectiveness and using examples ...

[Full details here](#)

**06 CPD Points**



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# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



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*Labour Government  
Minister*



**Dr Crystal Legacy**  
*University of Melbourne*



**Kerensa Johnston**  
*Wakatū Incorporation*



**Rod Oram**  
*Freelance Journalist*



**Nina-Marie Lister**  
*Plandform*



**Paul Beverley**  
*Buddle Findlay*



**Christopher Pettit**  
*Built Environment,  
UNSW Sydney*



**Graeme McCarrison**  
*Spark*



**Hera Smith**  
*Te Wai Māori Trust*



**Hon Nanaia Mahuta**  
*Labour Government  
Minister*



**Deborah Lee Sang**  
*WSP*

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