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NZPI's Submission on Urban Development Bill

The Urban Development Bill is a complex piece of legislation which provides specific powers to enable Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities (Kāinga Ora) to undertake urban development within specified development project areas (SDPA) as well as providing the ability to use powers of acquisition for all of Kāinga Ora's development activities. The Bill sets out the process for establishing an SDPA, the preparation of a respective development plan, notification of the plan, providing it and submissions to an Independent Hearings Panel (IHP), and the collection of rates and development contributions.

NZPI generally supports the establishment of urban development agencies as planning implementation mechanisms. However NZPI has significant concerns with the Bill – both in terms of its overall conception, the assumptions it is based upon (as expressed in Cabinet papers), and its workability and likely (but unintended) consequences. In summary the Bill:

- risks being a heavy-handed and costly Central Government duplication of functions and roles that should be delivered by enabled and empowered Local Government agencies;
- is based on insufficient analysis of what can, and what already has, been achieved in urban regeneration in Auckland within existing legislation; ...

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Call for Contributions

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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](#)



Greater Christchurch Regeneration Act

Speeding up the return of Christchurch regeneration activities to local leadership is behind the Greater Christchurch Regeneration Amendment Bill introduced to Parliament today by Minister Megan Woods. "As we approach nine years since the February 2011 earthquake in Canterbury, and with the transition to local leadership well underway, the time is right to return ongoing business-as-usual...

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Low-emissions Transport Momentum

The Government is helping deliver more infrastructure and options for low emissions transport through new projects, Energy and Resources Minister Dr Megan Woods says. Tauranga, Nelson, Levin, New Plymouth and Oamaru are just some of the more than 20 areas that will benefit from the latest round of the Government's Low Emission Vehicles Contestable Fund. It approves 21 projects, with \$3.8 million of ...

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NZPI Welcomes New Supporter

NZPI is pleased to welcome Align as new supporters in NZPI's Promoting Planning Excellence programme.

"Align is proud to be an official supporter of the NZPI. The NZPI provides critical services to planners, the planning community and the public. These services cover training, networking, advocacy, news, tertiary education accreditation, good practice guidance (QP), annual conferences and the salary survey. We fervently believe life for planners would be very difficult without the NZPI!

Align started as a planning firm in 2001, but is now a multi-disciplinary consultancy with planners, landscape architects, Crown property agents, GIS specialists and project managers. Our main offices are in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch; but we also operate in smaller shared workspaces in Whangarei and Wairarapa.

All of Align's planners hold a NZPI membership. We also constantly encourage our planners to meet their CPD requirements, and to attend NZPI courses and the annual conference. Over the years, our team has also contributed to local branches as committee members. This year, Align is proud to be a bronze sponsor of the Values / Voices / Vision NZPI 2020 Conference to be held in Nelson/ Whakatū in March/ April. Please feel free to visit our stand. We look forward to seeing you and having a chat!

Align is delighted to be a NZPI supporter and we look forward to working with NZPI over the coming years".



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CALL FOR ARTICLES | Planning Quarterly

The article submission deadline for the upcoming March Planning Quarterly magazine has been extended. If you have something you would like to share, we would love to hear from you!

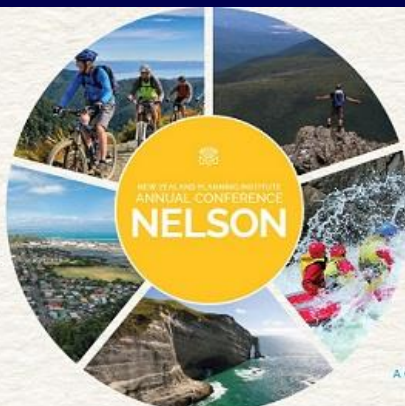
You may have written a submission about the Resource Management Review Panel's Issues & Options paper. Please send it in. We would like to publish a range of member views on that topic.

Word count can vary from 1000 to 3000. Contributions are considered by NZPI's Editorial Committee, who often work with contributors to fine tune articles. So, please don't worry if your work is a bit rough.

Please send your draft to Joel Cayford, PQ's Managing Editor — joel.cayford@planning.org.nz

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Location: Tauranga/Whakatane/
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Location: Auckland **Level:** Junior - Intermediate **Closing:** 11/03/20
- **KAIARATAKI TE HIIHIRI / STRATEGIC ADVISOR MAAORI** | Boffa Miskell
Location: Hamilton **Level:** Intermediate - Senior **Closing:** 06/03/20
- **SENIOR / RESOURCE PLANNER** | Masterton District Council
Location: Masterton **Level:** Intermediate - Senior
Closing: 06/03/20
- **SENIOR POLICY ANALYST** | Ministry for the Environment
Location: Wellington **Level:** Senior **Closing:** 03/03/20

Last Weeks Listings

- **GRADUATE PLANNER** | Enspire
- **SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR** | Federated Farmers of NZ
- **RESOURCE CONSENTS PLANNERS** | Gisborne District Council
- **PLANNER / INTERMEDIATE PLANNER** | Hamilton City Council
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NZPI Conferences

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

Branch & SIG Events

- [Walking Tour of Maori/ Archaeological Sites of Significance](#)
05 March 2020, Waikato
- [Wellington AGM](#)
12 March 2020, Te Aro

Industry Events

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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

- [RC1 Resource Consents: An Update](#)
03 Mar 2020, Wellington
- [Planning for Maori Values: Introduction](#)
04 Mar 2020, Hamilton
- [Basic Negotiation Skills](#)
05 Mar, Auckland
- [Emerging Technologies and Resource Management](#)
06 Mar, Hamilton
- [PM1: Plan Making - An Update](#)
10 Mar, Christchurch

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 ...

Principles & Practice of Designations under the RMA

06 May 2020, Hamilton | 05 Aug 2020, Wellington | 09 Sep, Christchurch

This one day course aims to give planners an insight into what designations are & how they can be used.

Designations are a key tool under the RMA for consenting, constructing, operating and future proofing many medium to large scale projects. The practice of establishing, applying for and using designations under the RMA is often not well understood. This is not surprising given that by far the vast majority of development proposals are established through resource consents, which are quite different to designations. Furthermore, there are only limited people or organisations who can exercise designation powers.

Understanding how designations work is an important area of knowledge for all planners, particularly those interested in working with councils, central government organisations and infrastructure providers that help deliver public good projects. The presenters will use case studies including AUT University's South campus designation and that of Ara Tūhono – Pūhoi to Warkworth for the New Zealand Transport Agency.

[Full details here](#)

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