

# Planning Focus

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## Land, air and sea: regions to benefit from NZ Upgrade

Source: [www.beehive.govt.nz](http://www.beehive.govt.nz)

Regional New Zealand will be a hive of activity in the coming months as the New Zealand Upgrade Programme delivers on its promise to modernise our infrastructure, prepare for climate change and help grow our economy.

As part of the [\\$12 billion NZ Upgrade Programme](#) announced by the Government last month, \$300 million was allocated for capital projects in regional New Zealand.

The first package of regional projects – worth about \$190 million – has been announced by Regional Economic Development Minister Shane Jones at an infrastructure seminar today.

“Today I’m announcing capital investments in land, air and sea assets that will enhance regional economic opportunities, create jobs, boost infrastructure resilience and help our regions thrive,” Shane Jones said.

“This funding boost has allowed us to get projects underway that may not have been an exact fit with the Provincial Growth Fund criteria but were worthy investments nonetheless.

“We’re announcing investments in Northland, Bay of Plenty, Hawke’s Bay, Taranaki, Otago, West Coast, Canterbury and Southland ...

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## Protecting wetlands on private property

Private land-owners are being urged to protect freshwater wetlands in their own back yard. Just over 90 percent of New Zealand's original wetlands have been lost, and a series of satellite images taken around the country by Forest and Bird show 13 percent of that total were damaged or destroyed between 2001 and 2015. Forest and Bird and the National Wetland Trust want to make sure the message gets across: that it's important to save what's left, half of which is on private land, at risk of being cleared or drained. Forest and Bird's chief conservation advisor Kevin Hackwell told Kathryn Ryan wetlands provide a vital environmental service and yet they are among our most degraded natural environments ...

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## Proposed new measures to improve Aotearoa's air quality

Improved air quality to support better health and environmental wellbeing is the focus of proposed amendments to air quality regulations, says the Associate Minister for the Environment, Hon Nanaia Mahuta.

"Although our air quality is good in most places, during winter certain places have spikes in air pollution, mainly from burning wood and coal for home heating. This can have severe health impacts for several communities.

"The Government is seeking feedback on its [proposed amendments](#) to some provisions of the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality. The aim of the amendments is to better control the release of fine particles into our air ...

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## The Case for Higher Ground

Denial is not a resilience strategy. But when it comes to managing change — and especially climate change — we're more likely to stick our heads in the proverbial sand, maintaining and protecting the status quo, than acknowledging and planning for the inevitable rising tides. That, too, needs to change. Along with carbon mitigation plans and investments in adaptation, cities must also address the fact that attempting to preserve their urban fabric as-is may inherently lead to increased risk over time and the possibility of catastrophic loss in the future. What if these communities begin a shift toward higher ground instead?

As it is, existing regulations and policies in coastal cities typically promote adaptation strategies to protect valuable real estate from the impacts of sea level-rise and coastal storms. We know, however, that seas will continue to rise for the foreseeable future — for several hundred years, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change — although climate models disagree on how high and by when. While the timing is uncertain, we can be sure the future of our coastal communities will involve much higher sea levels ...

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# JOBS

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## Latest Jobs In Planning

- **SENIOR URBAN DESIGNER** | Barker & Associates Ltd  
Location: Auckland CBD Level: Senior Closing: 20/03/20
- **TECHNICAL DIRECTOR - PLANNING** | Harrison Grierson  
Location: Auckland Level: Highly Experienced Closing: 19/03/20
- **SENIOR / PRINCIPAL / POLICY PLANNER** | Hutt City Council  
Location: Wellington Level: Senior Closing: 06/03/20
- **SENIOR ADVISER - PLACEMAKING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT** | Ministry of Transport  
Location: Wellington Level: Senior Closing: 08/03/20
- **POLICY PLANNER / PUKENGA KAUPAPA HERE** | Rotorua Lakes Council  
Location: Rotorua Level: Senior Closing: 17/03/20
- **POLICY ADVISOR / SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR / TEAM LEADERS** | Waikato Regional Council  
Location: Hamilton Level: Various Closing: 11/03/20
- **GRADUATE PLANNER** | Waipa District Council  
Location: Waipa Level: Junior Closing: 04/03/20
- **RMA PLANNING SPECIALIST** | Whangarei District Council  
Location: Whangarei Level: Highly Exp Closing: 18/03/20

## Last Weeks Listings

- **SENIOR CONSENTS OFFICERS** | Bay of Plenty Regional Council
- **GRADUATE / INTERMEDIATE PLANNERS** | Boffa Miskell
- **KAIARATAKI TE HIIHIRI / STRATEGIC ADVISOR MAAORI** | Boffa Miskell
- **SENIOR / RESOURCE PLANNER** | Masterton District Council
- **SENIOR POLICY ANALYST** | Ministry for the Environment

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



## 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

- 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

- [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 ...

## Water Quantity & Quality planning under the RMA

**18 Mar, Palmerston North | 17 Jun, Auckland | 27 Aug, Tauranga  
22 Sep, Christchurch | 11 Nov, Queenstown**

Water resource management is a key issue for resource planning in New Zealand. Abundant and good quality water is a scarce resource and managing water effectively to meet competing expectations and values can be complex, confrontational and costly.

This workshop will help to break down the complexity of managing freshwater and giving effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, including a discussion on signalled changes. We will provide participants with examples of aspects of frameworks for management that have been used successfully in many parts of the country, including examples from Manawatu, Hawke's Bay, Wairarapa, Canterbury, Nelson, Waikato, Southland and Northland

The science and technical detail of freshwater will be clearly and simply explained giving you basic science behind water management in New Zealand, quality, quantity and habitat.

[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  
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*WSP*

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