

Planning Focus

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Planners Cautiously Welcome Government's Fast Track Consenting During COVID-19 Recovery

NZPI Media Release

The New Zealand Planning Institute (NZPI) cautiously welcomes the Government's announcement of fast-tracked consenting for eligible development and infrastructure projects, but says it is important that environmental and community outcomes are not sacrificed in the process.

Minister for the Environment David Parker announced this week that Cabinet has approved the fast tracking of consent processes and the legislation is expected to be passed in June. The Minister will identify projects to go into the fast track resource consenting process and these will be considered by an Expert Consenting Panel chaired by a current or retired Environment Court Judge or senior lawyer.

This fast tracking is part of the Government's approach to getting key infrastructure and development projects underway during the COVID-19 recovery phase.

"Investment in infrastructure is central to the Government's economic plan to keep New Zealanders in jobs. We have already signalled major projects as part of the \$12 billion New Zealand Upgrade project," says Minister Parker ...

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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.

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Cities will endure, but urban design must adapt to coronavirus risks and fears

The long-term impacts of coronavirus on our cities are difficult to predict, but one thing is certain: cities won't die. Diseases have been hugely influential in shaping our cities, history shows. Cities represent continuity regardless of crises – they endure, adapt and grow.

Once we can have our old lives back we will likely return to familiar routines and our memories of lockdown and isolation will start to fade.

While our lack of memory is arguably a resiliency resource, urban designers and planners have a long-term role in ensuring urban life is healthy. To fight infectious diseases, cities need well-ventilated urban spaces with good access to sunlight ...

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NZPI BLOG | Resilient Cities need Balanced Capital Investment

By Joel Cayford

The impacts of the global COVID-19 pandemic are still being understood, but it seems clear that this crisis will force changes in cities, physically and socially, that will echo for generations.

Central and Local Government institutions are rolling out short term economic relief packages across New Zealand. A strategy of road and rail “shovel ready” development projects is under consideration for the long term. While these approaches are an important part of a planned approach to

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The NZPI Blog is place for you to have your say on key planning topics, issues or anything planning related you would like to share. [click here](#) for full details submit an article



NZPI Award Winners

We are pleased to announce the next of 2020 NZPI Award winners ...

Rodney Davies Project Award

- Bay of Plenty Regional Council
- WSP

For Kaituna River Re-diversion and Maketu Estuary Enhancement

[Click here for full details](#)

John Mawson Award of Merit

- Emily Grace
- Ben France-Hudson
- Margaret Kilvington

For their work on Reducing risk through the management of existing uses: tensions under the RMA.

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Congratulations to All!



Next issue we will be announcing the winner of the 2020 Nancy Northcroft Award

2020 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CONFERENCE
19 – 21 October, Christchurch.

www.environmentalcomplianceconference.org

REMINDER - Abstract submission deadline 29 May 2020, 3pm



JOBS

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

Latest Jobs In Planning

- **PLANNING OFFICER** | Manawatu District Council
Location: Feilding **Level:** Intermediate - Senior **Closing:** 24/05/20

Last Weeks Listings

- **SENIOR RESOURCE ADVISOR / RESOURCE ADVISOR** | Greater Wellington Regional Council
- **SENIOR RESOURCE CONSENTS PLANNER** | Porirua City Council

Job Seekers

Looking for a Short-term, Temporary or Entry Level Position? NZPI offers all Student and Recent Graduate members the opportunity to advertise their availability online - [CLICK HERE](#) if you would like to register your details

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



NZPI Conferences

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

Branch & SIG Events

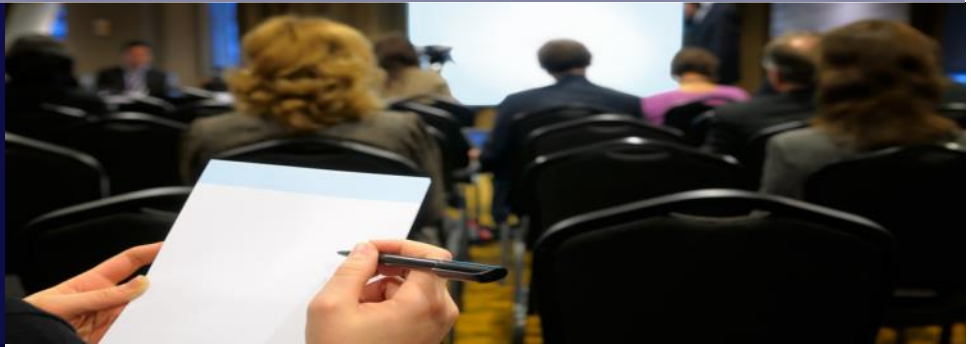
- [Auckland/Northland Branch AGM 2020](#)
13 May 2020, Online via zoom

Industry Events

- [Massey Planning Seminar: What might COVID-19 mean for housing in Aotearoa?](#)
13 May 2020, Online via zoom

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](#)
12 May 2020, Online
- [PM2: Making Good Plans](#)
20 May 2020, Online
- [Understanding Noise & Effects](#)
21 May 2020, Online
- [RC2: Assessing Environmental Effects and Notification Issues](#)
21 May 2020, Online
- [NZPI Lunchtime Sessions](#)
Various Dates, Online

To ensure a quality learning experience we are limiting online workshop sizes; we encourage you to book early to avoid missing out. .

NZPI CPD Spotlight on ...

PANEL DISCUSSION

How do we ensure longer term important goals aren't sacrificed for current urgent economic needs?

14 May, online

Each panellist will provide their opinion on the topic, followed by 25 minutes of Q&A.

Confirmed Panellists:

- Ruth Berry - BRANZ Research Strategy Group, Construction Systems Working Group Project Manager, Director, Building Better Homes, Towns and Cities National Science Challenge
- Ashraful Alam - PhD Coordinator, Master of Planning Programme School of Geography, University of Otago

More panellist TBC

[Click here to register - tickets are limited, be quick.](#)

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