

Planning Focus

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Seven weeks of clearing the air provides huge benefits

Source: niwa.co.nz

Seven weeks of lockdown has provided evidence of how pollution can vanish overnight with benefits for the environment and individuals, says NIWA air quality scientist Dr Ian Longley.

Dr Longley has been monitoring air quality in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch since Level 4 restrictions were implemented and says working from home did not only cut emissions but could also reduce health risks.

"Lockdown has provided vivid confirmation of how in New Zealand cities, isolated from each other and international neighbours, and where heavy industry is largely absent, many pollutants can be made to almost disappear overnight."

He estimates that while pollution was down by three-quarters on average, a least of third of Aucklanders reduced their exposure to traffic pollution by 90% during lockdown.

"This gain could have been extended to a few hundred thousand more people if diesel trucks and buses had been removed from the city centre. This is due to the disproportionately high influence ...

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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 major cities are trying to keep people walking and cycling

COVID-19 has radically changed our travel habits in just a matter of weeks. Walking and cycling are up, as people enjoy their daily exercise or take essential journeys they might otherwise have made by public transport. Cycle-to-work schemes have seen a 200% increase in the number of bicycle orders, while car use is roughly 40% of what it was in mid-February as more people work from home. Air pollution in cities has duly fallen rapidly, with nitrogen oxide pollution down 70% in Manchester, England. Transport is the UK's most polluting sector, so encouraging more people to keep walking and cycling after the pandemic would benefit the environment, as well as make cities healthier for the people who ...

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PANEL DISCUSSION | What does “pivoting post-covid” mean?

ONLINE VIA ZOOM: 28 May 2020, 4:30—5:30pm, 1 CPD Point

How different will our DPlans have to look if we intensify residential zones given Europe's experience with the disease. More people are now more anxious about densification. But is it Cause or effect? With more working from home, do we need so much office space? Or office/commercial zones? Parks? Green spaces? Etc

[Click here to register](#)

Remember to join us 04 June 2020, 4:30—5:30pm, for a discussion on 'Capacity for housing: well-located, sustainable and competitive' - register [here](#)

**2020 ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPLIANCE CONFERENCE**
19 – 21 October, Christchurch.

www.environmentalcomplianceconference.org

REMINDER - Abstract submission deadline 29 May 2020, 3pm



ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE
Conference

Managing the EC Conference in Covid-19 times Survey

The Environmental Compliance Conference Committee are looking at alternative ways to hold the conference in 2020 so that we can all still come together despite the current restrictions due to COVID19. We would be very grateful if you could please answer a few short questions by **today, 5pm 25th May**, this will give us some insight into how we can best make the conference work for our delegates this year.

[Click here to begin](#)

Thank you very much for completing this survey

It's time to get your abstracts in!

It's time to get your abstracts in for the 2020 EC Conference. Submission deadline is approaching fast! You have until **29 May 2020, 3pm**. At this stage the conference is going ahead as planned. If we need to postpone the event or move to a digital format, we will still consider the same abstracts.

[Full details here](#)

JOBS

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

Latest Jobs In Planning

- **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER** | Ernslaw One Ltd
Location: Manawatu **Level:** Intermediate - Senior **Closing:** 05/06/20
- **SENIOR PLANNING ADVISER** | Nelson City Council
Location: Nelson **Level:** Senior **Closing:** 02/06/20
- **PLANNER / SENIOR PLANNER - POLICY** | Upper Hutt City Council
Location: Upper Hutt **Level:** Senior **Closing:** 30/06/20
- **SENIOR POLICY ANALYST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT** | Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Location: Tauranga **Level:** Senior **Closing:** 08/06/20

Last Weeks Listings

- **PRINCIPAL ADVISER ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT** | Nelson 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

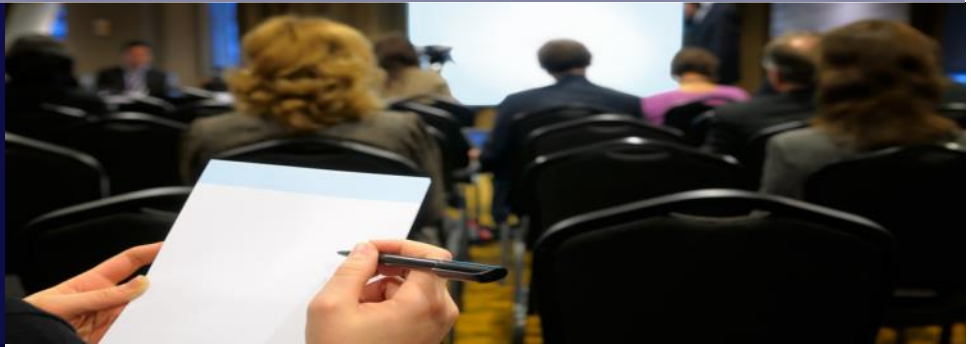
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Industry Events

- [Massey Planning Seminar: Fast, Cheap and Good: Dealing with the Housing Crisis](#)
27 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

- [Case Law Update](#)
26 May 2020, Online
 - [Planning for Maori Values: Advanced](#)
03 Jun 2020
 - [Negotiation - Beyond the Basics for Planners](#)
04 Jun 2020
 - [Expert Witness/Presenting Planning Evidence](#)
05 Jun 2020
 - [NZPI Lunchtime Sessions](#)
Various Dates, Online
- *NEW SESSIONS ADDED**

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 ...

Negotiation - Beyond the Basics for Planners

04 June, online

Presented by Gay Pavelka

How effective are you at giving messages and influencing others in negotiations? What can you do to encourage people to constructively problem-solve with you? If others appear unreasonable what can you do? Is the image you hope to convey congruent with how people see you in negotiations? What negotiation difficulties are planners experiencing and what can you do about it?

This one day course aims to help you find answers to the questions above and to practice skills beyond the basics. The day includes brief presentations, skills exercises (resource management examples), peer feedback sessions and discussion.

The day will include work on a case involving competing interests over protecting high value land.

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

06 CPD Points



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• Events

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