

Planning Focus

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From the Chairs Desk

Tēnā koutou I ngā āhuatanga o te wā

It has been a rare and surreal couple of months, and although I for one am still working from home, getting out and about still seems a little unnerving, especially as today the Government announced two new cases of Covid 19 after nearly three weeks of no new cases. The landscape has changed significantly for many of us, and our profession has not come out of this without scars, redundancies, significant reductions in forward workloads and cuts to budgets and salaries. The Board is facing the task of grappling with those issues, how they affect the Institute's CPD programme, what it might mean for attendance at branch and national events, and even membership, with the likely effects of Covid 19 being around for several years. I am extremely grateful that this and the previous Board made bold steps toward a strong financial footing which will see us through. We established a risk register earlier in this term of the Board, and our number one risk was cancelling the conference. Our postponement in hindsight was inevitable and we do remain very optimistic that we will be in Nelson next year, albeit with some of our international speakers attending via zoom (or whatever platform works best!).

I do feel proud of how we managed the AGM, it had the best turn out I have seen in many years, we had a very good number of questions and the anecdotal feedback I have had has been positive. The zoom events we have held have been excellent, with very good interaction between speakers, insightful comments and questions. Zoom panels have ...

[Read more in the June Planning Quarterly, click here](#)

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](#)



RMA law promotes healthy waterways

A law that makes crucial environmental improvements to the RMA, particularly for freshwater, has passed its third and final reading today. "Achieving this step in the Government's approach to reforming New Zealand's resource management system is a significant milestone," Environment Minister David Parker said ...

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Pedestrianisation could involve big losses

Success in pedestrianising city streets generally occurs in cities with population densities 40 times — or greater — than Dunedin's, an economist says. Further, Dunedin residents could "lose tens of millions of dollars' worth of time and wellbeing" as a result of fewer car parks and slower-moving traffic in the city centre ...

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LUNCHTIME SESSION | Urban Design, transportation and growth management in post Covid 19 world

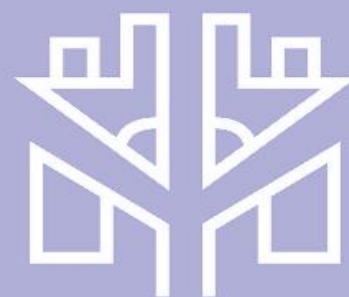
ONLINE VIA ZOOM: 8 July 2020, 12:30 — 1:30pm, 1 CPD Point

Presented by: Ian Munro and Dr Lee Beattie

Auckland, and many other New Zealand centres have a long history of basing urban growth management and urban design strategies around the concepts of transit oriented development, or TOD's and along public transport routes.

We question whether this approach has been conceptualised correctly in the New Zealand context and what this would mean in a post Covid 19 world for urban design and the ability to create resilient communities, as we return to the local?

[Click here to register](#)



NZPI Submission on the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Bill


The New Zealand Planning Institute has prepared a short submission on the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Bill. The submission deals with: Ministerial decision-making powers; the capability of the Ministry in assessing projects put forward for fast-tracking; and public participation. NZPI has asked to be heard by the Select Committee in support of this submission.

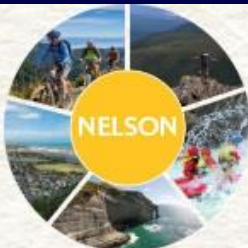
- [Download copy of submission here](#)

If you have suggestions that might assist us in our oral submissions on these points, please [email](#) them to Joel Cayford

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Last Weeks Listings

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- **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ADVISOR** | Horticulture New Zealand
- **GRADUATE PLANNER** | Manawatu District Council
- **RESOURCE CONSENTS MANAGER** | Tasman District Council
- **REGIONAL PLANNER** | West Coast Regional Council
Location: Greymouth **Level:** Intermediate **Closing:** 07/07/20
- **POLICY PLANNER & SENIOR POLICY PLANNER** | Whanganui District Council
- **TEAM LEADER PLANNING** | Whanganui District Council
- **INDEPENDENT HEARING COMMISSIONERS PANEL** | Whangarei District 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

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NZPI Conferences

- [2021 Environmental Compliance Conference](#)
19 – 21 October, Christchurch

Branch & SIG Events

- [Joint RMLA/NZPI networking event](#)
02 Jul 2020, Canterbury
- [2020 AGM Canterbury / Westland Branch](#)
23 Jul 2020, Canterbury

Industry Events

- Watch this space

EVENTS

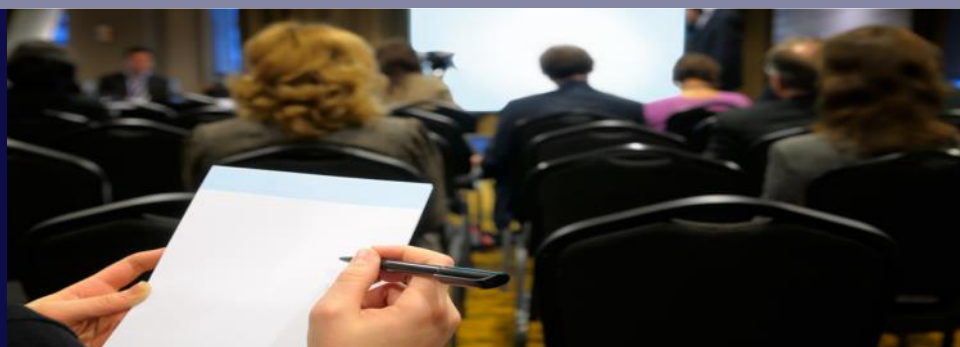
“All members are strongly advised to familiarise themselves with their NZPI CPD requirements for planning their CPD in 2020 [click here](#)”

Upcoming NZPI Courses/Workshops

- [Planning for Maori Values: Advanced](#)
30 Jun 2020, Online
- [Understanding Noise & Effects](#)
02 Jul 2020, Online
- [Case Law Update](#)
21 Jul 2020, Online
- [Emerging Technologies and Resource Management](#)
22 - 23 Jul 2020, Online
- [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 ...

Emerging Technologies and Resource Management

22-23 July, 9:00 - 12:00pm, online.

Technology is changing our world faster than ever before. This course is designed to give the experienced planner an understanding of these emerging technologies, and to incorporate this awareness into practice. New technologies are leading to changes in the activities and resources we manage and offer new opportunities for protecting the natural environment and managing effects.

This course gives an understanding of how the world is changing in what is termed the fourth industrial revolution. Key technology trends such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, data, digital trade, drones and Internet of Things are explained. The course also delves into some of the deeper attitudes or principles behind these changes such as open data, transparency, security and privacy.

[Click here for full details and to register](#)

5 CPD Points

NOTE: When delivered online, this full day course is split over two days to better manage the learning delivery. Participants should be available 9am – noon both days to participate in the course and allowing for 30 mins of short breaks each morning.



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