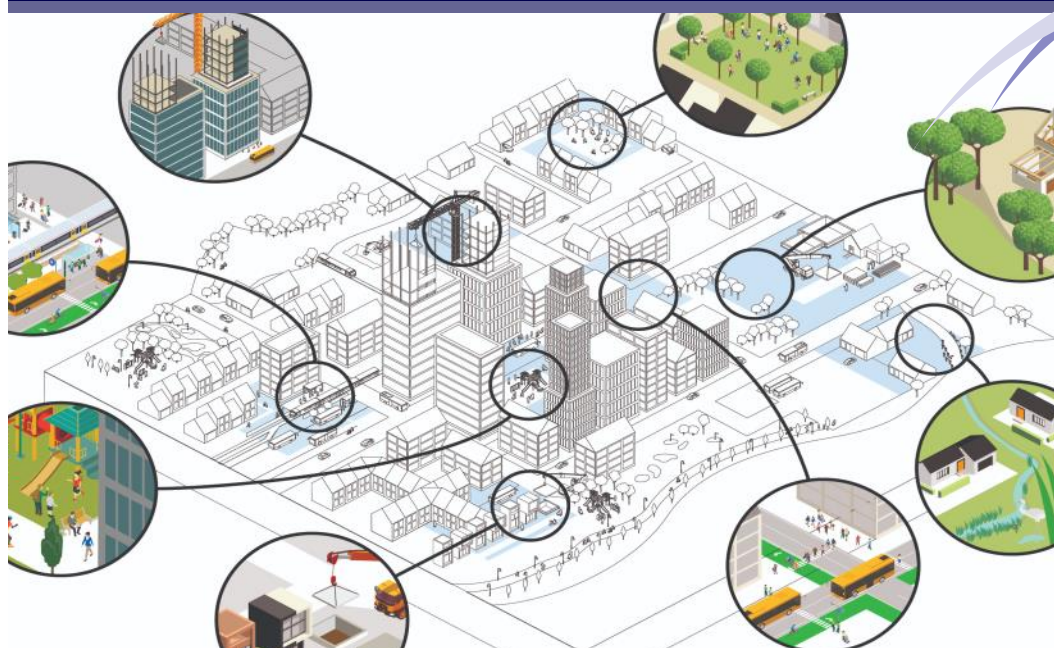


# Planning Focus

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## New rules to help our cities grow up and out

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

New rules to help our fastest growing cities make room for their rising populations has today [23 Jul] been released by Urban Development Minister Phil Twyford and Environment Minister David Parker.

Phil Twyford said poor quality and restrictive planning has stopped our cities and communities from growing up and out.

“It has driven up the price of land and housing, and been a big driver behind the housing crisis. When overly restrictive planning creates an artificial scarcity of land on the outskirts of our cities, or floor space because of density limits in our city centres, house prices are driven up and people are denied housing options,” Phil Twyford said.

The [National Policy Statement on Urban Development \(NPS-UD\)](#) will direct councils – particularly in the five high growth centres of Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Wellington, and Christchurch – to free up their planning rules while focusing on well-functioning neighbourhoods and communities.

Phil Twyford said the new approach to planning through the NPS-UD will allow better connections to transport and other amenities so our cities can flourish and better support their residents. “We know New Zealand can create high and medium density communities with good urban design and open spaces.” ...

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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](mailto: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](#)



## Greenhouse gas emissions by region

The first comprehensive breakdown of [greenhouse gas emissions by region](#), released on Thursday by Statistics New Zealand, compares climate pollution to population and GDP. Auckland, Wellington have lowest greenhouse gas emissions per capita ...

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## Concepts in sustainable aquaculture

New ways to address environmental sustainability challenges faced by the aquaculture industry have been evaluated by a group of scientists as the industry anticipates increasing export earnings to \$NZ3 billion by 2035. NIWA scientist, Dr Jeanie Stenton-Dozey is ...

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## TechWeek 2020 — Online showcase of tech innovation in NZ

PlanTechNZ encourages all planners to check out NZ's [TechWeek 2020](#) running 27-31 July. This series of events showcases new technology in a range of sectors in NZ.

The programme includes events which may be of interest to planners such as the [latest in geospatial technology](#), [the future of engineering](#), [smart cities](#), [collaborating digitally to protect the natural environment](#) and [using AI to improve community consultation](#). With 250 online events, there is much to explore in TechWeek.

All planners interested in the role of emerging technologies in the future of planning practice are also invited to join the NZPI's Special Interest Group PlanTechNZ, details [here](#). We aim to take a growth mindset to new technologies and explore their potential for planning practice.

## 2020 CAP Young Planners Essay Competition

**CAP Young Planners Essay Competition 2020 is now open for entries. This year's theme is "Post Covid Building Resilience - The Role of Planners in the Commonwealth."**

The Covid-19 global pandemic has put an immense pressure on all facets of human settlements. The impact of the crisis has been compounded by the pre-existing myriad complex challenges in communities. As the governments of the Commonwealth countries commence recovery plan, this situation presents an opportunity to establish safe, resilient, inclusive and healthy human settlements.

The Judges are particularly interested in how young planners in the Commonwealth can contribute to making cities and human settlements resilient and inclusive, with applicable examples.

[Click here for full details](#)

**Submission deadline - 23rd August 2020**



*auckland*  
**BREAKFAST**  
*club*

30 July 2020, 7:30—9am

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

## NZPI CONFERENCE 2021 SURVEY

### We want your input!

NZPI Conference aims to empower the planning profession to excel by providing opportunity to consider the broader role of planning in today's environment and to explore ways to develop the profession as a thought leader guiding the strategic direction of New Zealand.

NZPI acknowledge that we are currently navigating uncertain and uncharted waters, and we want to be good stewards of our resources and initiatives, with sensitivity to the needs of our members and the wider planning profession in New Zealand.

The implications of Covid-19 are considerable and varied for us all, and in light of this, we want to get your input on how NZPI conference should look in 2021.

We would greatly appreciate you taking the time to complete the following survey—your feedback is significant and highly valued.

The information we gather from this exercise will ensure we provide a conference that is professional, vastly relevant and as accessible as possible.

[Click here to begin](#)

## NZPI Welcomes Helen Parsons to the Team!

Helen Parsons has stepped into the NZPI Event Manager shoes while Vanessa is on maternity leave. She's really looking forward to getting to know the NZPI team and playing a part in supporting and championing the planning profession.

Helen comes from a communications and events background with over 10 years' experience collaborating with people and companies to help move ideas and projects forward. With a deep love for all things local, sustainable, cultural and culinary, she's in her element when connecting people and collaborating to foster and advance distinctive skills and concepts with a wider audience.

Helen's broad range of project, events and communications management has spanned various industries including music, travel and humanitarian sectors within New Zealand and Germany. Projects she has been involved in include local and international events for 20 to 25,000 people, the development of a global online city guide and the advancement of a local Berlin business community.

One of Helen's proudest professional achievements was organising the celebration of Ms Fatou Bensouda's inauguration as Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in The Hague. The event was attended by diplomats and ICC member state representatives, hosted by the late BBC anchor Komla Dumor and featured a welcome message from Angelina Jolie.

Her proudest (ongoing) personal achievement is producing two stellar human beings. Helen's a mum of 2 effervescent girls (ages 3 and 17 months) who keep her on her toes and challenge her to embrace a better version of herself (this is not always a successful feat as we're sure many of you can relate).

Helen is really interested in learning as much as she can about the planning profession and how NZPI through its annual conference can continue to provide opportunities to excel in and evolve the industry in New Zealand.

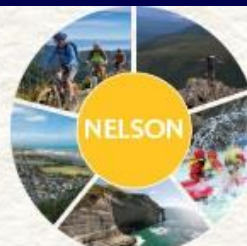
She looks forward to meeting some of you soon (virtually for the most part), and bringing Conference 2021 to life in the most relevant and professional ways possible.

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## Latest Jobs In Planning

- **SENIOR AND RMA PLANNER** | Department of Conservation  
**Location:** Hamilton **Level:** Senior **Closing:** 03/08/20
- **PLANNER** | Sigma Consultants  
**Location:** Rotorua **Level:** Intermediate **Closing:** -

## Last Weeks Listings

- **SENIOR POLICY PLANNER (12-MONTH FIXED TERM)** | Tauranga City Council
- **POLICY PLANNER** | Tauranga City Council
- **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT** | The Catalyst Group
- **INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR PLANNERS** | The Planning Collective Ltd
- **TEAM LEADER - RMA APPROVALS & COMPLIANCE** | Whangarei District Council

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



## NZPI Conferences

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

## Branch & SIG Events

- [CHALLENGING THE WAY WE WORK: Planning beyond the RMA with Sam Gibbs from the Auckland Council Regulatory Department](#)  
30 Jul 2020, Online
- [NZPI Waikato Branch AGM 2020](#)  
30 Jul 2020, Waikato

## Industry Events

- [Commonwealth Sustainable Urbanisation Programme](#)  
Jun - Sep 2020, Online

# 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

- [Urban Design in Action for Planners](#)  
31 Jul 2020, Auckland
- [Ethics for Planners](#)  
11 Aug 2020, Online
- [Planning for Maori Values: Advanced](#)  
11 Aug 2020, Wellington
- [Case Law Update](#)  
12 Aug 2020, Online
- [Expert Witness/Presenting Planning Evidence](#)  
14 Aug 2020, Auckland

*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 ...

## Expert Witness/Presenting Planning Evidence

**14 August, 9:00 - 3:30pm, Auckland**

**Presented by: Dave Serjeant**

This seminar is designed to be a practical guide to preparing and presenting evidence at the Environment Court. It will address what it means to be an expert witness, primarily focusing on planning experts however the seminar is of value to all expert witnesses.

It will include commentary on practices designed to assist the Court to determine technical issues where experts offer conflicting opinions. This will include the fairly standard practice of requiring technical witnesses to attend expert conferencing and produce an agreed statement of facts and/or joint statements of evidence.

The seminar also provides guidance on how to conduct one's self under cross-examination.

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

**Register now to ensure this workshop goes ahead!**



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