

Planning Focus

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Planners welcome outcomes of Government's RMA Review

Source: [NZPI Media Release](#)

The New Zealand Planning Institute (NZPI) welcomes the outcomes of the Government's review of the Resource Management Act (RMA), which it says provides a sound basis for moving forward.

NZPI chair Karyn Sinclair says reform of the RMA was long overdue and praised the Review Panel's extensive engagement and comprehensive review.

"While we haven't yet had the opportunity to read the report in full, we are encouraged by what we have learned so far," Karyn says.

"It looks as though the review will provide a sound basis for moving forward – restructuring the important function of land use and environmental management to an outcomes-based approach, and ensuring appropriate prioritisation of the needs of communities, the natural environment and the economic stability of New Zealand are clear," Karyn says.

"We note that there is an emerging consensus across the political spectrum that the RMA has done its time and is due for a comprehensive replacement rather than ongoing tinkering. Therefore we expect substantive change to the planning legislation regardless of ...

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Join us online next week for a panel discussion
on the RMA Reform Review, full details [here](#)

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.

To update your place of employment, please [click here](#)



New standards for existing marine farms

New environmental standards will make the re-consenting of existing marine farms more consistent across the country. The new regulations for the National Environmental Standards for Marine Aquaculture (NES-MA) will come into effect on 1 December, Environment Minister David Parker and Fisheries Minister Stuart Nash said.. "The NES-MA removes ...

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Supporting tourism in our regions

More than \$20 million has been approved for New Zealand's 31 Regional Tourism Organisations (RTOs) to support the industry's recovery in the short and long term, Tourism Minister Kelvin Davis announced today. "Our country's 31 RTOs do a great job contributing to their regional economies and play an important role in supporting the tourism system ...

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New direction for resource management system

The Government has welcomed the most comprehensive review of New Zealand's resource management system since the Resource Management Act (RMA) was passed in 1991.

The report, 'New Directions for Resource Management in New Zealand', was commissioned by Environment Minister David Parker and prepared by an independent review panel led by retired Court of Appeal Judge Tony Randerson QC after extensive consultation.

The panel received a range of submissions, engaged widely and was supported by reference groups within natural and rural, built and urban, and te ao Māori, as well as a range of working groups from within central government.

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REMINDER | NZPI CONFERENCE 2021 SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who submitted feedback on the 2021 NZPI Conference, your feedback is significant and highly valued! If you haven't had the chance to complete the survey yet, there's still time!

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 thoughts on how NZPI conference should look in 2021.

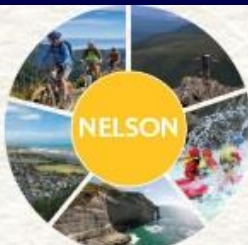
The information we gather from this exercise will ensure we provide a conference that is professional, vastly relevant and as accessible as possible.

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- **SENIOR CONSENTS PLANNER - REGIONAL** | [Gisborne District Council](#)
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Location: Invercargill Level: Senior Closing: 09/08/20
- **INTERMEDIATE PLANNER** | [Planning Focus Ltd](#)
Location: Auckland Level: Intermediate Closing: 28/08/20
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Last Weeks Listings

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Job Seekers

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NZPI Conferences

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

Branch & SIG Events

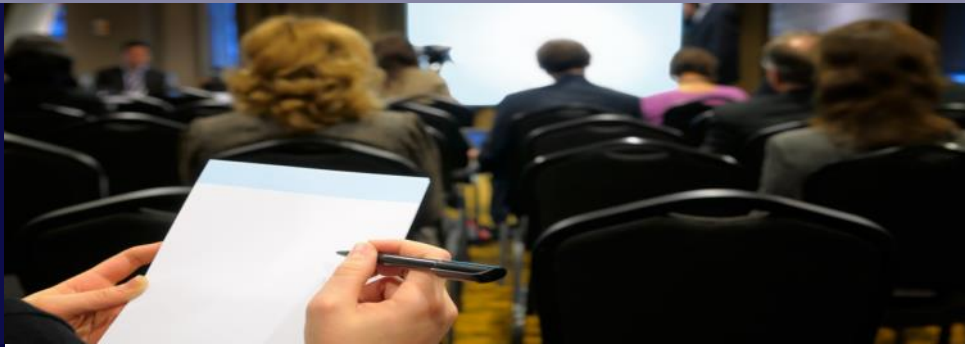
- [Our City Tomorrow - Draft Spatial Plan for Wellington City](#)
13 Aug 2020, Wellington
- [Auckland/Northland Case Law Event](#)
20 Aug 2020, Auckland

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

- [Archaeology in the planning context](#)
04 Aug 2020, Online
- [Ethics for Planners](#)
11 Aug 2020, Online
- [Planning for Maori Values: Advanced](#)
11 Aug 2020, Wellington ***FULL**
- [Case Law Update](#)
12 Aug 2020, Online ***BE QUICK ONLY 2 TICKETS LEFT**
- [Expert Witness/Presenting Planning Evidence](#)
14 Aug 2020, Auckland ***AT RISK OF CANCELLATION, REGISTER BEFORE 3 AUG TO ENSURE IT GOES AHEAD**
- [PM2: Making Good Plans](#)
19 Aug 2020, 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 ...

PM2: Making Good Plans

19 August, 8:30 - 4:30pm, Online

PM2 – Making Good Plans is part of NZPI's Plan Making stream of CPD.

This one day workshop has been designed for planners who are involved in plan changes, variations and reviews, with a focus on equipping planners with the tools and methods they need to develop plans that deliver good, effective and integrated outcomes.

PM2 focuses on how we can develop good plans using the tools we have under the RMA and other relevant pieces of legislation, as well as practical techniques we can use to test our policy development.

Two of the most important tools we already have in the RMA are section 35 plan effectiveness monitoring and section 32 evaluation. What isn't inherent in the RMA is the role of strategic or spatial planning and how we road test and achieve integration in our plans.

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

06 CPD Points

Registrations close Monday 10th August.



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• Events

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