

Coastal Planning and Development Forum

Examining the critical issues facing our coastal areas

15-16 February 2012

Amora Hotel, Wellington

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International Keynote: Coastal management strategies in Tasmania

Discuss the implications of the latest policy developments with our legal experts

- Shongah Kenderdine
- Robert Makgill
- Dr Royden Somerville QC
- Justine Inns

Gain valuable insights into key stakeholder concerns in coastal area management

- Co-management and engagement with Iwi
- Trends in urban development of coastal communities
- Assess the environmental impact of coastal activity in the Canterbury region
- Enabling the growth of our aquaculture industry

Update your strategic toolkit with our half day workshops

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- Giving effect to the CPS 2010
- Knowledge is power: Developing measurement and collation techniques for environmental indicators

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CONFERENCE Day 1: 15 February 2012

8.30 Registration & coffee

9.00 **Opening remarks from the Chair**

9.10 **The value of the coastal areas to the New Zealand economy**

New Zealand is known internationally for its scenic landscapes, high quality produce and recreational facilities - all of which can be found along our coast lines. But what is the true value of this incredible asset? Professor Basil Sharp aims to give us an indication of just how much our coastal area is worth to both local and national GDP, as well as its future potential.

Professor Basil Sharp, Associate Professor & Lecturer - Department of Economics, University of Auckland

10.00 **EPA Keynote: Our role in coastal area management**

- How the EPA fits in to New Zealand's Environmental Management Regime
- The EPA's role in the Coastal Marine Area and possible role in the EEZ
- EPA's relationship with Regional and District Councils
- How Boards of Inquiry relate to the EPA and the Environment Court
- The Māori Advisory function within the EPA

Rob Forlong, Chief Executive, Environmental Protection Authority

10.40 Morning tea

11.00 **Living NZCPS 2010's strategic planning policy**

The NZCPS 2010 establishes and solidifies the key priorities for district and regional councils in future management of coastal areas. Shonagh Kenderdine takes you through the CPS and evaluates how planners can utilise this to strike a compromise between what can be seen as mutually exclusive objectives within the NZCPS.

- The stipulations of the CPS
- Areas of conflict
- Making the call: Achieving the ideal compromise

Shonagh Kenderdine, former Environment Court Judge

11.50 **International Keynote: Coastal zone management strategies in Tasmania**

Tasmania's coastlines are home to essential infrastructure, prime real estate and highly endemic and diverse wildlife – incredible assets which are under threat from a range of factors including climate change, sea level rise and inundation. This session is your chance to learn how Tasmania's regional councils are rallying to manage both natural and built assets.

Representative from local government of Tasmania

12.40 Lunch

1.40 **An environmental impact assessment of coastal activities in the Canterbury region**

Dr Hamish Rennie provides insight into the environmental impact of coastal developments in the Canterbury region, with particular focus on:

- The Regional Coastal Environment Plan
- Difficult development impacts to manage
- The impact of the Canterbury earthquakes
- Implications of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Strategy

Dr Hamish Rennie, Senior Lecturer - Environmental Management & Planning, Lincoln University

2.20 **Case study: Environmentally friendly coastal development**

Preserving the natural character of the coastal area and satisfying the demand for more coastal property can often be seen as opposing goals. James Lunday shows what urban designers and developers are doing to minimise environmental impact whilst catering to the needs of ever expanding communities.

James Lunday, Principal, Common Ground Studio

3.00 Afternoon tea

3.20 **A developer's perspective on coastal development**

Increasing populations, visitor traffic and job opportunities in coastal areas are putting pressure on community resources and living space, pressure which local government and coastal developers must work together to address. Leigh Hopper gives you an overview of the market trends in coastal development, focusing on:

- Key areas and classes of development
- Trends in planning: Low intensity + widespread development or high intensity + concentrated development?
- How is coastal development affecting amenity values?

Leigh Hopper, Managing Director, Hopper Developments

4.00 **Maximising return: Achieving efficient use of aquaculture space**

Aquaculture takes place in the common marine and coastal area, sharing space with a range of other users. As such, it is imperative that the aquaculture industry capitalise on the space it is given. This session looks at how this can be done.

- What are we doing now?
- What are the opportunities available in future?
- Economic contribution: What will it take to reach the \$1 billion goal?

4.40 **End of Day 1 and networking drinks**

CONFERENCE Day 2: 16 February 2012

9.00 **Welcome back from the Chair**

Robert Makgill, Director, NorthSouth Environmental Law

9.05 **Case study: A critical analysis of co-management with Tāngata Whenua**

Keir Volkerling examines the Hauraki Gulf Forum, a statutory body which includes Tāngata Whenua membership, as an example of co-management. To what extent is this successful, and what lessons can be learnt from it? Broader questions are considered including:

- How can engagement with Māori add value to environmental management?
- How can mainstream agencies effectively include Tāngata Whenua values and perspectives?

Keir Volkerling, Iwi Development & Resource Management Consultant

9.50 **Determining the appropriate level of engagement with Tāngata Whenua in coastal activities**

Morrie Love explores how to determine the level of collaboration needed to go beyond the letter of the law in Iwi engagement and ensure the entire community benefits from the coastal activities in the region.

- Legislative requirements
- Social and cultural requirements
- Establishing a conversation: Ensuring feedback is developed and maintained

Morrie Love, Managing Director, Raukura Consultants

10.40 Morning tea

11:00 **Legal updates**

Now is an exciting time to be involved in the planning and developments of coastal and marine areas, but the amount of legislation in the pipeline can cause headaches. Our 3 legal updates are a quick and easy way to learn about the changes.

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Legal update 1: Marine & Coastal (Takutai Moana) Area Act

"An experiment in political and legal alchemy...the Act seeks to translate –but also transform – customary, common law and the Treaty of Waitangi rights into a self-contained statutory regime." This session addresses how the above laws and rights interact under the Act and what the implications are for those wishing to partner with Iwi in future coastal activities.

- How does the Act work?
- The process of recognition
- Areas of potential conflict
- Impact of the Act on coastal planning and development

Presented by **Dr Royden Somerville QC**, Barrister
Presentation co-authored by **Katia Fraser**, Director,
NorthSouth Environmental Law

11.50 Legal update 2: Aquaculture Legislation Amendment Act

From October 2011 the Aquaculture Legislation Amendment Act will streamline the allocation of new space for aquaculture activities and expand the farming opportunities currently available. Justine Inns looks at the implications of these amendments, with particular focus on:

- Changes to the RMA
- Changes to adverse effects tests, negotiation and arbitration requirements
- The Māori Commercial Aquaculture Settlement, forecasting and gazetting
- Implications for those obtaining licenses

Justine Inns, Partner, Oceanlaw New Zealand

12.40 Lunch

1.25 Managing port activity: What the ports would like you to consider

Management of port activity is one of the many challenges local government faces. How can councils ensure these key elements of coastal infrastructure are provided for whilst upholding their policy obligations? **Barrie** provides an insight into the key challenges for New Zealand's ports, including:

- The role of the ports in the economy
- The move towards larger vessels

- Implications of dredging channels and reclamations
- The importance of maximising efficiency and international competitiveness

Barrie Saunders, Consultant to port CEOs

2.15 Panel discussion: How should we manage our coasts?

With increasing changes being made to the legislation governing our coastal and marine environments, questions regarding the propriety of our regulatory framework are inevitable.

- What do we want and need from our legislation?
- What are the areas of contention within the coastal community and how could they be addressed?
- Is legislation the only means of developing more effective coastal management?

Dr Clive Howard Williams, Chief Scientist Freshwater & Coasts, NIWA
Representative from **Environmental Defence Society**
More panelists to be confirmed

3.05 Afternoon tea

3.25 Legal update 3: The Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Bill

The EEZCS aims to establish a regulatory framework that minimises the adverse environmental effects of activities carried out in the EEZ and CS, such as petroleum exploration. This session provides an overview of the proposed Bill, the requirements it will place on operators looking to undertake activities in these areas and the implications for industry and regulators. Topics covered will include:

- Filling the legislative gaps in the existing regime
- Duty to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects
- Marine consent procedure
- Economic development vs. adverse effects

Robert Makgill, Director, NorthSouth Environmental Law

4.15 Closing remarks from Chair and end of Conference

WORKSHOPS | 17 February 2012

WORKSHOP 1

Giving effect to the NZCPS 2010

9.00am-12.30pm

The NZCPS specifies aims to achieve *"more effective council plans that have coastal values clearly identified, along with clear policies to direct their management."* As with any major change, there are several considerations that must be taken into account in order to give effect to this policy, including:

- The requirements of DOC's National Implementation Plan
- Redefining your organisational, planning and management policies to reflect these changes
- Interaction of the NZCPS with existing legislative requirements
- Communicating change to key stakeholders

Facilitated by Simon Berry, Giving effect to the NZCPS 2010 is your step by step guide to bringing the aims of the Coastal Policy Statement to life and ensuring your organisation has the building blocks to do so in an expedient and effective manner.



Simon Berry, Barrister, Environmental Law

Simon Berry has practised exclusively in Environmental Law for almost 30 years. He regularly appears in Council and Environment Court hearings for a range of clients throughout New Zealand and is an experienced independent hearing commissioner. Simon has extensive experience in relation to coastal and maritime matters, including writing and presenting *"Planning controls and property rights – Striking the balance"*, [2011] RM Theory and Practice, 136 focusing on coastal hazards.

WORKSHOP 2

Knowledge is power: Developing measurement and collation techniques for environmental indicators

1.30-5.00pm

The old adage is true - if you do not measure it you cannot manage it! The lack of sufficient data regarding the state of natural dunes, biodiversity, water quality, land cover etc. is a significant issue for those who research and decide the future of the coastal area. But how do you measure it? Measurement begins with your strategy and your approach.

In this workshop you will be challenged to reframe and restart your sustainability strategy, addressing core principals such as:

- The key considerations for ensuring objectivity
- How to develop consistent KPIs for interpretation
- How IM and BI principles can help you bring it all together
- Reporting methodology: Sticking to universal basics for easy interpretation by key stakeholders



Gordon Shaw CMC, Director, Sempre Avanti Consulting

Gordon Shaw is a certified management consultant and sustainability change agent. He assists his clients to navigate the tips and traps of CSR and sustainability. Gordon is a director of Sempre Avanti Consulting, a firm that has been recognized by the UN Environmental Programme as a leader in its field.

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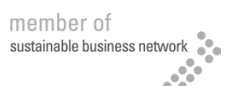
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