



PLANNING INITIATIVES

PLANNING & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS



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I am the Director and Principal Planner of Planning Initiatives Limited, a specialist planning and resource management consultancy that I established in 2015.

I am an experienced planner, with 22 years of post-graduate experience and have been involved with a wide range of urban and rural development projects and policy projects and studies, acting for private clients or local/regional authorities, spanning a range of sectors.

I have made numerous appearances at committee meetings, local authority hearings, Environment Court hearings and High Court proceedings around New Zealand as an expert planning witness.

My particular expertise is to work collaboratively with teams of specialist experts in various fields to assess or secure resource consent applications, spanning the full spectrum of scales, activities and forms of notification.

Depending on the needs of the project, these include architects, civil engineers, surveyors, urban designers, geotechnical engineers, landscape architects, ecologists, arborists, heritage experts, acoustic experts, transport planners, parks planners, economists, archaeologists and others.

Qualifications

Master of Planning Practice (Honours), 1998

Bachelor of Science (Geography), 1996

Bachelor of Commerce, 1996

Key Affiliations

Member, New Zealand Planning Institute

Member, Resource Management Law Association

Expertise and Skills

- Resource Consents
- Designations
- Assessment of Environmental Effects reports
- Policy development and advice
- Expert Witness
- Strategic Planning and Transport policies and studies
- Negotiation and mediation
- Consultation and Stakeholder engagement
- Project Management

Selection of Projects

- Three brownfield mixed use Metropolitan Centre developments comprising convenience retail and office/commercial activities, apartments & terraced town houses, with towers, podium and landscaped plazas
- Multiple child capacity childcare centres, upto 120 child capacity
- Office, supermarket, mall, hotel and service station developments
- Coastal permits for seawalls, jetties and boat ramps
- Rural subdivisions and landuse activities
- Parking Designations for Auckland Unitary Plan
- Affidavits based on planning opinions on matters relevant to four civil High Court proceedings
- Major greenfield consent or plan change projects throughout the Auckland region at Albany, Long Bay, Rosedale, Unsworth Heights, Hobsonville, Massey, Warkworth and Pokeno
- South West Multi Modal Corridor Study (Auckland Council, Auckland Transport, NZTA, KiwiRail, Auckland International Airport)
- Wellington Public Transport Spine Study
- Extensive experience with projects in Special Character Areas

