



WEAVING THE STRANDS

NZPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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New Zealand Planning Institute's Annual Conference: *Weaving the Strands*

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MEDIA GUIDE

Event Overview

The 2019 New Zealand Planning Institute (NZPI) conference, *Weaving the Strands*, looks at pressing issues such as climate change, natural resources, settlements, and the future of planning.

Conference themes have been considered from the perspectives of leadership, integration and collaboration, Māori and indigenous planning, technology and science, and culture. Top New Zealand and international speakers will share their best practice experiences.

More than 500 delegates are expected to attend, including industry leaders, iwi, resource managers, urban designers, scientists, environmental advocates and representatives from local and central government.

Speakers at the four-day event include Environment Minister David Parker, former State Legislator and Secretary of Vermont Agency of Transportation Sue Minter (United States), Maori Development and Local Government Minister Nanaia Mahuta, Waikato University Demography Professor Tahu Kukutai, Director General of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme Kosi Latu, and renowned designer and sustainability champion David Trubridge.

Leading actor and broadcaster Toi Iti is MC.

The 2019 conference will feature additional break-out events:

- **April 2:** The [Papa Pounamu Hui](#) is a signature event held at the start of each NZPI annual conference. Since the formation of a Māori Special Interest Group within NZPI, the Hui has become a key event for delegates and speakers to discuss topical issues and advancement in Māori planning practice.
- **April 2:** The [Emerging Planners Congress](#) is touted as the 'pre-eminent annual professional development event', organised by and for emerging planners in New Zealand.
- **April 2:** The [Elected Representatives Workshop](#) is targeted towards councillors and community board members – specifically, the role they play in leading the development of planning policy.

The conference culminates with a Gala Dinner, which will feature the NZPI award presentations hosted by stand-up comedian Michele A'Court.

NZPI has held annual conferences since 1964. The 2019 conference will be held at the **Napier Conference Centre and Napier Municipal Theatre from 2-5 April.**

About the New Zealand Planning Institute (NZPI)

NZPI was established in 1949. It now has more than 2,000 members involved in strategic planning and implementation of urban and rural plans – including transport, urban design and conservation.

Members work in cities, towns, district councils and rural areas.

Media Registration

Media interested in attending the conference must register their details with **Katie Moore** – katie@conv.co.nz or **022 0922 573**. A media pass will be available for pick-up at the registration desk on entry to the conference.

Key Topics

More than 20 presenters from public and private organisations throughout New Zealand will be speaking to one of the following themes:

- **NATURAL RESOURCES:** Water quality, fish passage, food security, farming practices, Māori involvement in freshwater management, etc.
- **SETTLEMENTS:** Urban design, public transport and land use for urban areas, infrastructure programmes, Auckland Unitary Plan review, etc.
- **CLIMATE CHANGE:** Zero Carbon Bill, climate change opportunities, coastal infrastructure master planning lessons, etc.
- **FUTURE OF PLANNING:** Sustainable innovation districts, lessons in low-cost city building, e-processing, digital disruption in planning, qualifying natural hazard risks, etc.
- **TOURISM AND PLANNING:** Case study from one of New Zealand's most iconic international destinations.
- **WHERE THEORY MEETS PRACTICE:** Roll out of new national planning standards, bi-cultural planning tools, Pacifica planning principles, protecting archaeology and heritage, etc.

Programme Highlights

Workshop and presentation topics include:

- Ensuring healthy waters under pressures of growth
- Integrated socio-ecological modelling of catchments to support Maori involvement in freshwater management
- Urban narrative: concepts and case studies for value-based urban design
- New Zealand's agricultural sector: planning for future food security
- Fact or fiction - regional rules will drive changes in farmers' practices
- National Fish Passage Management Guidance: implications for policy development and implementation
- New Zealand whitebait fishery: implications for policy development and implementation
- E-processing - the future of plan implementation
- How do five generations work together in planning?

The full *Weaving the Strands* programme is now available to download at www.nzpiconference.org/programme

Keynote Speakers

1. Hon David Parker

- Attorney-General, Minister for Economic Development, Environment, and Trade and Export Growth, and Associate Minister of Finance.
- Experienced CEO and company director in a range of industries.
- Named the *Listener* magazine's 2018 Environmentalist of the Year for his work as Minister of Energy and Climate Change.

2. Sue Minter – Vermont, USA

- Former Secretary of Vermont Agency of Transportation, where she co-chaired a sub-committee on President Obama's White House Council on Climate Preparedness and Resilience (2015).
- Former State Legislator.
- Currently Executive Director for Capstone Community Action – addressing social and economic inequality and lifting people out of poverty in Vermont.
- Over 30 years' experience working as a professional planner and policy maker at local, state, national and international level.

3. Hon Nanaia Mahuta

- Minister for Maori Development and Local Government, Associate Minister for Environment.
- Tribal member of Waikato-Tainui, Ngati Maniapoto and Ngati Manu.
- During her time in Parliament, Hon Nanaia Mahuta has supported policies and initiatives that built the capacity of communities and iwis – particularly in regards to environmental issues.

4. Tahu Kukutai

- Professor of Demography at the University of Waikato.
- Has written extensively on issues of Māori population change, Māori identity and official statistics.
- Founding member of the Māori Data Sovereignty Network Te Mana Raraunga.
- Inaugural recipient of the University of Waikato Early Career Research Excellence Award, and was appointed a World Social Science Fellow in 2014.

5. Kosi Latu

- Director General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme.
- Former Head of the Legal and Economic Division at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London, UK.

6. David Trubridge

- Renowned New Zealand furniture and lighting designer.
- Sustainability champion.
- Recipient of the Designers Institute of New Zealand John Britten Award.
- Penned autobiography, *So Far*, in 2013.

If you'd like to interview any particular speaker, please contact Katie Moore:

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Social Media

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