

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

DAY 1: MONDAY 8 JUNE 2009

8.30am Powhiri and Welcome

Session 1: Setting the Scene

Chair: Fran Wilde, Chair, Greater Wellington Regional Council

8.45am International keynote:
'Second generation' environmental governance

Dr Daniel Fiorino, Director, National Environmental Performance Track, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Adjunct Professor, Johns Hopkins University (by videolink)

9.15am New Zealand's environmental governance and international best practice

Dr Ralph Chapman, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies, Victoria University

9.45am The main institutional issues that need to be addressed in the reform process

Guy Salmon, Executive Director, Ecologic Foundation

10.15am Panel discussion

10.45am Morning Tea

Session 2: Key contexts for reform

Chair: Jan Crawford, Planning Consultants Limited

11.15am Freshwater management: what will it take to revitalise our rivers, lakes and wetlands?

Neil Deans, National Advocacy Manager, Fish & Game NZ

11.35pm Coastal management: the case for a NZ Coastal Commission

Gary Taylor, Chairman, Environmental Defence Society

11.55pm Fulfilling the potential of kaitiakitanga

Linda Te Aho, Associate Dean of Māori, School of Law, University of Waikato

12.15pm Science and environmental decision making

Eric Pyle, Director, Environmental and Social Development, Ministry of Research, Science and Technology

12.35pm Panel discussion

1.00pm Lunch

Session 3: Governance reform

Chair: Gary Taylor, Chairman, Environmental Defence Society

- 2.00pm** Rethinking the environmental governance system
Hugh Logan, former Secretary for the Environment and Director-General of the Department of Conservation
- 2.30pm** Insights from the work of the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance
Hon Peter Salmon Q C, Chairperson, Royal Commission
- 3.00pm** The public value of regional government: how regional councils manage the environment
Dr Jeff McNeill, Senior Lecturer, Resource and Environmental Planning, Massey University
- 3.30pm** Are regional councils past their use-by date?
Dr Bryan Jenkins, Chief Executive, Environment Canterbury
- 4.00pm** Panel discussion

4.30pm Afternoon Tea

5.00pm Session 4: Leaders' Dialogue – Environmental Governance and Brand New Zealand

Chair: Rod Oram, Business journalist

Participants

Hon Phil Goff, Leader of the Opposition, former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Theresa Gattung, Chair, Wool Partners International Limited

Russel Norman, Co-leader of the Green Party, Green spokesperson on the Environment

Brian Richards, International Brand Strategist, Brian R Richards Limited

6.00pm Drinks

7.00pm Dinner

Compere: David McGregor, Partner, Bell Gully

After dinner speaker: The government's environmental reform agenda

Hon Dr Nick Smith, Minister for the Environment and Minister Responsible for Climate Change Issues

DAY 2: TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2009

7.30am Session 5: Breakfast Session

Chair: Eugenie Sage, Councillor, Canterbury Regional Council

Are we driving the Hector's and Maui's dolphins to extinction?

Liz Slooten, Associate Professor, Zoology Department, University of Otago

Session 6: RMA Phase Two reforms

Chair: Adrienne Young Cooper, Independent Director, Planning and Resource Management Consultant, Hill Young Cooper

8.30am Improving the RMA system: what complementary measures are required?

Jan Crawford, Planning Consultants Limited

9.00am Does Part 2 of the RMA need changing? And a response to other issues on the RMA reform agenda

Douglas Allan, Partner, Ellis Gould

9.30am The Māori agenda for Phase 2 reforms

Prue Kapua, Barrister and Solicitor; Principal, Tamatekapua Law

10.00am Enabling design innovation for major projects: what further RMA reforms are required?

Stephen Selwood, Chief Executive, New Zealand Council for Infrastructure Development

10.30am Panel discussion

11.00am Morning Tea

11.30am **Session 7: Institutional reform case studies**
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

A. Water management (New Zealand Room 1)

Chair: Paul Stocks, Deputy Director General (Policy), Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

Water trading for New Zealand?

Peter Neilson, Chief Executive, NZ Business Council for Sustainable Development

Addressing resource allocation under the RMA and the transfer of nitrogen and water allocation under the Waikato Regional Plan

Robert Brodnax, Group Manager – Policy and Strategy, Environment Waikato

Nutrient trading: the way forward?

Dr Suzie Greenhalgh, Senior Economist, Landcare Research

Panel Discussion

B. Coastal management (Marlborough Room 1 and 2)

Chair: Dennis Scott, Director, DJ Scott Associates, FNZILA, President, NZILA

Coastal governance: the challenges of development pressure, ownership & climate change

Mike Jacobson, Consultant, Coastal and resource management

Māori role in managing the seabed and foreshore: the Ngāti Porou agreement

Dr Apirana Mahuika, Chairman, Te Runanga o Ngāti Porou

Will the new NZCPS adequately protect the coast?

Dr Hamish Rennie, Senior Lecturer Environmental Management and Planning, Lincoln University

Panel discussion

C. Urban management (Epsom Room 1 – Level 4)

Chair: Sean Bignell, Chief Executive, Hobsonville Land Company

The need to restore housing affordability

Hugh Pavletich, Demographia

Urban limits and affordable housing

Professor Tim Hazledine, University of Auckland

Urban growth management under the RMA

Adrienne Young Cooper, Independent Director, Planning and Resource Management Consultant, Hill Young Cooper

Panel discussion

D. Infrastructure (New Zealand Room 2)

Chair: Martin Fryer, Sustainability Advisor, Auckland International Airport Limited

Processing major project consents: lessons from other countries

Paul Buetow, Partner, Kensington Swan

Grant Hewison, Senior Associate, Kensington Swan

Phase I reforms for projects of national significance: how will they work in practice?

Andrew Beatson, Partner, Bell Gully

The application of a strategic assessment approach in Canterbury

Dr Bryan Jenkins, Chief Executive, Environment Canterbury

Panel Discussion

E. Marine management (Marlborough Room 3)

Chair: Raewyn Peart, Senior Policy Analyst, Environmental Defence Society

Fisheries 2030 – vision, result areas and action plan: unlocking the potential of the New Zealand fisheries sector

Wayne McNee, Chief Executive, Ministry of Fisheries

Proposals for aquaculture reforms: an industry viewpoint

Mike Burrell, Chief Executive, Aquaculture New Zealand

What environmental governance reforms are required to achieve effective aquaculture management?

Jim Sinner, Sustainable Business Group Manager, Cawthron Institute

Panel Discussion

1.00pm Lunch

Session 8: An Environmental Protection Authority for New Zealand?

Chair: Jan Wright, Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment

2.00pm International keynote: Insights from the Victoria Environmental Protection Authority

Terry A'Hearn, Director Business Development, Victorian Environmental Protection Authority

2.30pm An EPA for New Zealand: lessons from overseas

Raewyn Peart, Senior Policy Analyst, Environmental Defence Society

3.00pm Potential structure and functions of a New Zealand EPA

Gerard Willis, Director, Enfocus

3.30pm Panel discussion

4.00 pm Afternoon Tea

Session 9: Interactive panel discussion – Where to from here?

Chair: Gary Taylor, Chairman, Environmental Defence Society

Sustainable Land Use Forum report back

Alastair Bisley, Chair, Sustainable Land Use Forum

Interactive panel discussion with keynote speakers and conference delegates

Conference sum-up

Rod Oram, Business journalist

6.00pm Conference close