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25-26 SEPTEMBER 2017, STAMFORD PLAZA, AUCKLAND

Planning, funding & managing sustainable urban development & growth



FEATURING SESSIONS:

- *Impacts of the NPS-UDC*
- *Funding and facilitating infrastructure*
- *Towards national planning standards*
- *Insights into urban growth strategies nationwide*
- *Advocating for design led cities*

KEY THEMES: Key legislation facilitating urban growth | Creating smart cities
Infrastructure funding | Strategies for urban growth

FEATURING REGIONAL CASE STUDIES FROM: Western Bay of Plenty sub-region
Auckland Council | Queenstown Lakes District Council | Hamilton City Council

EXPERT INSIGHTS FROM: Bell Gully | Property Council NZ | Housing NZ Corporation
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THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY CONFERENCE

returns this year to highlight the importance of sustainable urban development and growth. The NPS-UDC - National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity - is in its first year of implementation, which brings challenges but great opportunities for new development. Join the experts to discuss the key impacts of the legislation, great case studies of effective growth and how we can help plan for sustainable development in NZ.

meet the chair

Rachel Devine, *Partner, MinterEllisonRuddWatts*



RACHEL DEVINE leads the Environment Team at Minter Ellison Rudd Watts and is recognised in international directories as one of NZ's foremost expert environmental lawyers. Her 20 years of experience in environmental law includes advisory work for the government, including assisting the Minister of Housing in the creation of the Housing Accord and Special Housing Area legislation and the Ministry for the Environment on the current rewrite of NZ's resource management legislation. She advises a wide range of clients on changing planning requirements (including the special Auckland and Christchurch processes) and assists developers to convert land for intensive housing, e.g. the old brickworks in New Lynn.

featured speakers



CONNAL TOWNSEND

*Chief Executive,
Property Council NZ*



GEOFF LEWIS

*Principal Advisor,
NZ Productivity
Commission*



LUDO CAMPBELL REID

*Design Champion
for Auckland,
Auckland Council*

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8.30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

9.00 **Opening remarks from the Chair**
Rachel Devine, Partner, MinterEllisonRuddWatts

key legislation facilitating urban growth

9.10 **Opening Address: Delivering and sustaining urbanisation in New Zealand**
 New Zealand is experiencing a time of unprecedented population growth and rapid urbanisation. How can key stakeholders collaborate to ensure a sustainable approach to urban development capacity?

9.40 **Regulatory frameworks facilitating smart urban development**
 We explore the progress and potential of legislation which aims to support and accelerate urban growth.

- An overview of current legislation supporting urban development
- An update on Urban Development Authorities
- The potential for a National Planning Template
- Exploring other legislation on the horizon

Andrew Beatson, Partner, Bell Gully

10.20 MORNING BREAK

10.45 **An impact analysis of the NPS-UDC**
 In this session we review the requirements of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity for managers, planner and policy makers and its impact on facilitating urban development.

- What are the key milestones for managers, planners and policy makers?
- Exploring the implementation programme for the NPS-UDC
- What are the biggest challenges accompanying the NPS-UDC since it was introduced in December 2016?
- What is the evidence of its success in aiding urban growth and development?

Connal Townsend, Chief Executive, Property Council NZ

11.25 **Insights into the 'Better Urban Planning' report**
 This report, finalised by the Productivity Commission in March 2017, recommends a future planning system for New Zealand which aims to cope far better with the stresses of urban growth. We gain insights into the findings and the practical application and influence of the report going forward.

Geoff Lewis, Principal Advisor, New Zealand Productivity Commission

12.00 **Towards National Planning Standards**
 In this session, we explore the progress towards National Planning Standards whose purpose is to provide consistency across plan and policy content, format and structure to simplify processes.

- What progress has been made towards implementing the National Planning Standards?
- Exploring the scope of the National Planning Standards

Luke Hinchey, Partner, Chapman Tripp

12.35 LUNCH BREAK

creating smart cities

1.30 **Creative city master-planning**
 In this case study we gain insights into some innovative city master-plans and some creative inner city rejuvenation projects from around New Zealand.

2.10 **Regenerating & facilitating urban growth in Auckland**
 Our largest city is potentially one of the world's most live-able cities. Statistics predict that the population could reach 2.01 million by 2033, an increase of over 517,000. We explore the plan to maximise growth opportunities as part of the vision and the future for Auckland.

2.50 AFTERNOON BREAK

3.10 **Upwards and outwards: Balancing urban density and urban sprawl**
 In this session we explore the benefits and challenges of compact building and building outwards through greenfield development, and how the two can be balanced to facilitate urban growth.

Kobus Mentz, Director, UrbanismPlus

3.50 **Advocating for design-led cities**
 Population growth, natural disaster and an influx of tourists have brought new opportunities for New Zealand to re-think the design of our cities and create outstanding places to live. Ludo Campbell-Reid is a Design Champion who will expand on his mission to ensure design excellence in Auckland as it grows and develops.

Ludo Campbell Reid, Design Champion for Auckland, Auckland Council

4.30 **Sustainable development at Hobsonville Point**
 This case study showcases Hobsonville Point, a development which has been designed with respect to the past and with the future in mind.

- Prioritising future growth and future needs in the design phase
- Insights into challenges overcome in the planning and consenting processes
- What does sustainable development really mean and how important is it for New Zealand to build for the future?

Katja Lietz, General Manager Masterplanning & Placemaking, HLC

5.00 **Summary remarks from the Chair & Networking Drinks**

9.00 Welcome back from the Chair

infrastructure funding

9.05 A window into infrastructure funding at local government level

Financing infrastructure is one of the key constraints to building more houses. We hear how Auckland Council manages the process and what is being done to facilitate development in areas experiencing rapid urban growth.

Fiona Docherty-Wright, *Head of Infrastructure Funding Agreements, Auckland Council*

9.45 Panel: Exploring innovative ways to fund infrastructure

This panel discusses current and potential options for funding infrastructure, one of the key barriers to rapid growth and development.

- What is the potential for land value capture?
- Accessing the Housing Infrastructure Fund; is \$1b enough?
- Exploring creative solutions to funding
- What is the place of the Public Private Partnership Programme?

Fiona Docherty-Wright, *Head of Infrastructure Funding Agreements, Auckland Council*

Adam Thompson, *Urban Economist & Property Market Analyst, Urban Economics*

Aimee Barwick, *Group Manager Investment Development, Auckland Transport*

10.30 MORNING BREAK

strategies for urban growth

11.00 The new face of social housing

Housing New Zealand is New Zealand's biggest residential land-owner. We hear about its ongoing redevelopment programme:

- Unlocking the potential of neighbourhoods - working with councils and communities to deliver better urban form
- Case studies of brownfield redevelopment - inserting density in the heart of the city fabric
- What are the regional issues around developing social housing?
- What are the features of great social housing?

Sue Evans, *Urban Design Manager - Development Strategy, Housing New Zealand Corporation*

11.40 Panel: Opportunities to grow and maintain great cities

Panelists discuss the potential for New Zealand to grow, strong, resilient places to live which meet the needs of future generations without compromising the pressing needs of today.

- What are the features of a great city?
- What are the priorities to ensure optimal forward planning?
- Would New Zealand benefit from more legislative change to facilitate urban growth?

Matt Ensor, *Business Director - Advisory Services, Beca*
Eden Williams, *Spokesperson, Generation Zero Auckland*
Dr Lee Beattie, *Head of School of Architecture & Planning, University of Auckland;*
Director, Urban Planning & Design Ltd

12.25 LUNCH BREAK

1.30 Transport structures supporting urban growth

Good transport systems are at the core of successful cities. Here we investigate diverse transport options and networks currently being planned and implemented.

- What are today's transport trends?
- How could technological advancements impact future travel?
- How do we best plan transport networks which will meet the needs of both current citizens and future generations?

Aimee Barwick, *Group Manager Investment Development, Auckland Transport*

2.10 Growing Pains - the Queenstown Challenge

CASE STUDY

Queenstown has experienced unprecedented growth and metro challenges. In this case study, we explore the critical role the region plays in the national economy and find out more about the role of the Queenstown Lakes District Council, an organisation working for the best interests of a community under pressure.

Anita Vanstone, *Senior Planner, Queenstown Lakes District Council*
Kim Banks, *Senior Planner (Policy), Queenstown Lakes District Council*

2.50 AFTERNOON BREAK

3.10 Exploring the Urban Growth Strategy at Hamilton City Council

CASE STUDY

In this session, we gain insights into the vision for the future of the thriving Hamilton City and its part in a wider regional collaboration planning for urban growth.

- Exploring our urban growth strategy
- Why we are limiting greenfield development and focusing on regeneration
- How does the urban growth strategy align with the future proof strategy encompassing five regional councils?

Luke O'Dwyer, *Unit Manager for Economic Growth & Planning, Hamilton City Council*

3.50 The Smart Growth Strategy in Western Bay of Plenty

CASE STUDY

We gain insights into this region's strategy for planning wisely and progressively with the future in mind.

- What does smart growth mean to Western Bay of Plenty sub region?
- Responding to community needs while planning for future generations
- What learnings have we taken from other regions and how can we advise other regions experiencing a similar rate of growth?

Bill Wasley, *Director, Wasley Knell Consultants Ltd*

4.30 Closing remarks from the Chair and end of conference

9.00 AM - 12.30 PM

Strategic urban design for high growth regions

The workshop will focus on the urban design challenges for high growth areas, explore the design process and will review a range of innovative solutions for smart urban design in areas experiencing rapid growth.

- Common challenges for urban designers in high growth regions
- Exploring the feasibility of development
- Strategies for predicting, monitoring and measuring cities' growth, essential to optimal future planning
- Tools and methods for estimating housing demand including types, location and different price points
- Utilising information provided by indicators of price and efficiency to understand the housing market plan effectively
- A spotlight on Brownfield regeneration, opportunities and threats
- Master-planning with a focus on sustainable urbanisation

David Gibbs, *Director, Construct Architects Ltd*



David Gibbs is the founder and owner of Construct Architects Ltd. Their 25-strong team of Architects and Urban Designers specialises in the masterplanning of new residential communities

and the design of medium and high density housing. They have been responsible for some of Auckland's most high profile new communities. They have been involved since the inception of Hobsonville Point, firstly with masterplanning in jv with Isthmus Group, of the Buckley and Hudson Sunderland precincts being approximately 2/3rds of the total development. Subsequently Construct have gone on to prepare designs for 370 homes at Hobsonville Point. Construct masterplanned Todd properties 176 Ha Long Bay development.

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27 SEPTEMBER 2017

1.30 PM - 5.00 PM

Understanding the economics of building and development

This workshop will give planners and policy makers better insights into the economic drivers and actual costs of building and development, enabling them to gain better understanding of the role of developers. This knowledge will aid decision making and collaboration between different stakeholders involved in urban growth.

- What are the key economic drivers impacting urban growth?
- Better understanding infrastructure investment practices
- Analysing regional growth trends
- How to make practical sense of forecasts and statistics
- Planning and consenting costs and time lines
- Factoring building related costs and fluctuations due to supply and demand
- Real case studies of recent projects in New Zealand from funding to fruition

Gareth Kiernan, *Chief Forecaster, Infometrics Ltd*



Gareth Kiernan heads up the forecasting team at Infometrics, managing the preparation of the company's regular forecast publications. Within the forecast process, he is responsible for the macroeconomic

overview and building and property forecasts. Gareth has also completed a range of consulting projects, many focused on the housing market and construction industry. Within the last 18 months, Gareth has prepared a comprehensive report for a client looking at a wide range of characteristics of the property market and how they might evolve over the next decade. He has also examined demand conditions for a residential development looking to be progressed in the upper North Island and completed a report on the provision of affordable housing in Queenstown.



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