

Kim Smith

Senior Policy Advisor

LLB, BSc (Geog)

Kim has around 17 years' experience in Local Government Policy development, including resource management policy planning, structure planning, development contributions and spatial and infrastructure strategies. Kim's recent experience is focused on district plan changes to enable housing, particularly in relation to natural hazards and infrastructure issues.

Expertise

- Management, preparation and assessment of plan changes
- Natural Hazards
- Development Contributions
- National Planning Standards

Relevant Projects / Key Experience

Plan Change 9 Housing for Everyone to Rotorua District Plan: One of the team responsible for preparing this Intensification Planning Instrument and managing the plan change process. Led the development of the Section 32A Report with respect to topics of natural hazards, financial contributions and development areas.

Plan Change 2 Pukehāngi Heights to Rotorua District Plan: One of the team of reporting officers for the hearing on this plan change involving rezoning and a structure plan. Allocated topics included landscape values, infrastructure, transport and reverse sensitivity to the speedway.

Natural Hazards: Procured research for tsunamis, flooding, coastal flooding, liquefaction and geothermal hazards and led process improvements as a result e.g. to LIMs. Gisborne District Council rep on the regional councils' special interest group for natural hazards. Project team member for Wainui Beach Management Strategy. Led two plan changes to incorporate flood hazard mapping.

Private Plan Changes: Managed, for Gisborne District Council, the processing of two private plan changes relating to rezoning.

Other Plan Changes: Managed other council-led plan changes for Rotorua Lakes Council and Gisborne District Council, often also as the reporting officer, on topics including rezoning and structure plan amendments, heritage buildings, significant natural areas and financial contributions. Led restructuring of the Rotorua District Plan to meet the national planning standards.

Spatial Strategies: Participated in development of spatial strategies for Gisborne District Council.

Infrastructure and Transport Strategies: Led the development of the Gisborne District Council Infrastructure Strategy 2018 and a Regional Public Transport Plan for Gisborne District Council.

Development Contribution Policies: Led the development of multiple development contribution policies for Gisborne District Council. Project team member for Rotorua Development Contribution Policy 2022.

Simon Thurston

Senior Policy Advisor

Simon has been working for the Rotorua Lakes Council for more than 15 years. His roles in council include resource consent processing and policy planning.

As well as being involved in recent district plan changes to better enable residential development, Simon's recent experience has been focussed on the development of the Housing and Business Capacity Assessment (HBA) and the Draft Rotorua Future Development Strategy (FDS). Simon's key interests include issues of importance to Iwi and urban planning.

Simon was born and raised in Rotorua and brings significant local knowledge and understanding to his role with the Rotorua Lakes Council.

Expertise

- Resource consent processing- both land use and subdivision.
- Consultation and Engagement
- Issues of Importance to Maori
- Plan change preparation and assessment

Relevant Projects / Key Experience

Plan Change 9 Housing for Everyone to Rotorua District Plan: One of the team responsible for preparing this Intensification Planning Instrument and managing the plan change process. Led the development of the Section 32A Report with respect to topic of Papakāinga.

Rotorua Housing and Business Capacity Assessment: One of the team responsible for supporting the preparation and development of the Rotorua Housing and Business Capacity Assessment in accordance with the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 (NPS-UD).

Draft Rotorua Future Development Strategy: One of the team responsible for preparing and developing the Draft Rotorua Future Development Strategy (FDS), in accordance with the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 (NPS-UD).

Consent processing-Land use and Subdivision: Senior Consents Planner responsible for managing and processing complex resource consents focussing on residential land use and subdivision.

Anna Bindon

Graduate Policy Planner

BEP; MNZPI

Anna has 2 years' experience in all aspects policy planning. Anna's experience is focused on policy and urban growth planning.

Anna is currently working on Rotorua Lakes Council's Plan Change 9 (NPSUD) and the Rotorua Future Development Strategy.

Expertise

- Analysis, preparation and assessment of plan changes
- National Planning Standards implementation

Affiliations

- Member of the NZ Planning Institute

Relevant Projects / Key Experience

Plan Change 9 – Housing for Everyone: Assisting with the preparation of the Plan Change (NPSUD) including drafting of the Section 32 Report and Section 42A Report. Particularly involved in meeting statutory processes, consultation and the heritage and Māori villages provisions and development area topics.

Rotorua Future Development Strategy: Assisting with the preparation Rotorua Future Development Strategy, including community and iwi consultation and engagement.

Rotorua District Plan Planning Standards Restructuring: Assisting with the restructuring of the Rotorua District Plan in accordance with the National Planning Standards.

Dissertation on the National Policy Statement for Urban Development and the National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land: Fourth year dissertation at the University of Waikato on the implementation of both the National Policy Statement on Urban Development and the draft National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land.



Rachel Morgan

Director

M.Planning; BA; MNZPI

Rachel has over 14 years' experience in all aspects of planning, including policy planning and development, structure planning, spatial planning and large scale consenting. Rachel's recent experience is focused on policy and urban growth planning. Rachel is currently working with Rotorua Lakes Council on their Future Development Strategy, Nelson City Council on their NPSUD Plan Change, and with the Hawke's Bay councils on their Future Development Strategy, various structure plans and the Napier District Plan review.

Expertise

- Preparation of Structure Plans and Spatial Plans
- Analysis, preparation and assessment of plan changes
- Preparation and assessment of major resource consent applications, outline plans of work, notices of requirements
- Large scale infrastructure planning
- Expert witness briefs for Council hearings

Affiliations

- Member of the NZ Planning Institute

Relevant Projects / Key Experience

Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy: Consultant planner assisting with the Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy, including consideration of principles and approach to future structure planning & neighbourhood planning.

Nelson Housing Plan Change: Consultant planner assisting with structure planning for new greenfield locations at Saxton and Maitahi, and development of the residential and business provisions of the draft Nelson Plan, and Housing Plan Change to be notified in August 23.

Napier City Structure Plans and Napier District Plan Review: Consultant planner assisting with the preparation of the Western Hills Structure Plan, Napier Spatial Picture and more recently the Napier Hastings Future Development Strategy. Consultant planner assisting with key parts of the Napier District Plan review.

Hastings Structure Plans: Consultant planner assisting with the scoping and preparation of greenfield structure plans for new residential and industrial areas in Kaiapo and south Hastings.

Drury Structure Planning and Private Plan Change: Consultant planner assisting with structure planning and private plan change for 300+ hectares of future urban zoned land on behalf of Kiwi Property, Fulton Hogan & Oyster Capital.

Queenstown Proposed District Plan: Consultant planner on behalf of Council for appeals to the Proposed District Plan.

Consenting and Development: Consultant planner for various large scale residential and mixed use, & industrial developments in Auckland, including Fletcher Living, Tamaki Regeneration Company, Ardmore Aripot.