



## TREVOR ROBINSON

Practiced as a barrister for 15 years. Previously (for 14 years) a litigation partner in Buddle Findlay's Wellington office, and still earlier (for 3 years post admission) worked as a barrister employed by RJ Somerville QC in Dunedin.

Having practised extensively in commercial litigation and superannuation trust law while at Buddle Findlay, increasingly specialised in environmental/RMA work from the early 1990s. Barrister's practice now almost solely RMA focussed.

Appointed to chair Upper Clutha QLDC Proposed District Plan Rezoning Hearings (2017-2018) and as a Commissioner for Stages 1 and 2 PDP Hearings

Acted for a number of years as lead environmental counsel for Contact Energy Ltd, including:

- Reconsenting Ohaaki Power Station (1998-1999 and 2013);
- Reconsenting Clutha Hydro Stations (2001-2007);
- Reconsenting Wairakei Power Station (2001-2007);
- Consenting greenfield geothermal power stations (1997-1998, 1997-2001, 2007-2008 (Board of Inquiry), 2010 (Board of Inquiry))
- Waikato RPS Change and Regional Plan Variation (Geothermal) (2003-2006)
- Waikato Regional Plan Variation (Water Allocation) (2006-2011).

Acted as lead counsel for Hawke's Bay RC and its CCO in relation to Tukituki Plan Change and Ruataniwha Water Storage Scheme heard by a Board of Inquiry (2012-2015).

Appointed Commissioner by QLDC on Stages 1 and 2 Proposed District Plan (2016 -2019). Sat on:

- Stream 1 (Strategic Chapters);
- Stream 4 (Subdivision);
- Stream 10 (Whole of Plan, Natural Hazards, Definitions)
- Stream 12 (Upper Clutha Mapping- as Chair)
- Stream 14 (Wakatipu Basin)

Appointed Commissioner on Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 (Healthy Rivers) - hearings commenced March 2019, projected to run until mid-September.



## **SARAH DAWSON**

Sarah has worked as a planner since 1977, both as a consultant and senior local authority planner. She has been based in Christchurch for the majority of those years, providing consultancy services for a wide range of clients, mostly throughout the South Island. These include local, regional and central government; energy, roading, waste management and other infrastructure agencies / companies; primary industry (irrigation, aquaculture and mining/quarrying); land development companies; and private individuals.

As an accredited RMA decision-maker, Sarah has acted as an independent Commissioner for plan, resource consent and notification decisions since 1997.

From 2014 to 2016, she was a full-time member of the Independent Hearings Panel hearing and deciding submissions, and determining plan provisions, for the Christchurch Replacement District Plan.

Sarah has extensive experience in District and Regional policy and plan preparation, evaluation and implementation, as well as with the consenting process. This ranges from providing strategic planning advice, undertaking scoping, constraints and alternatives investigations, plan policy and rule drafting, to assessing the environmental and planning feasibility of proposals.

She has significant experience with the management, preparation and auditing of resource consent, private plan change and designation proposals, and their environmental assessments, for large interdisciplinary projects, with a recognised ability to work as part of a team.

As an experienced expert witness, Sarah has provided evidence before council hearings, the Environment Court and a Board of Inquiry.

Since 2014, Sarah has operated as Sarah Dawson Consulting. For 20 years prior to this, she had been a principal planner with Boffa Miskell Ltd.

Sarah is a full member of the NZ Planning Institute, received its Distinguished Service Award in 1999 and was recently made a Fellow. Sarah is currently a member of the Minister for the Environment's Environmental Legal Assistance Fund Advisory Panel.

From 1992–1995, Sarah was joint consultant to the Council for the preparation of the proposed Queenstown Lakes District Plan.

Appointed to the Hearing Panel for Stage 2 of the QLDC Proposed District Plan (2018-2019)



## **GREG HILL**

Greg is an experienced hearings commissioner and (consultant) resource management planner. He has over 30 years' experience and holds a Bachelor of Economics and Geography and a Bachelor of Town Planning, all from the University of Auckland. He holds a Ministry for the Environment "Making Good Decisions" chair's accreditation.

### **Hearing Commissioner Roles**

Greg has been involved in a wide range of hearings/decisions. These have included:

- One of the panel members of the Auckland Independent Hearings Panel to the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan;
- Chairing the first hearing under the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 for an application to extract iron sand off the coast from Taranaki (Appointed by the Environmental Protection Authority).
- Panel member for the Queenstown District Plan (Ski Area Sub Zones)
- Major plan changes; - Landscape variation for Kaipara District Council, and Rural/Coastal/Landscape/Papakāinga provisions for Whangarei District Council and aspects of the Hauraki Gulf Islands District Plan for the Auckland Council.
- Major urban development/redevelopment proposals (including waterfront and town centre developments) – both plan changes and resource consents;

### **Planning Roles**

Greg has worked as planner for territorial, regional and central government agencies. He was the General Manager of Policy and Planning at the Auckland Regional Council prior to the establishment of the Auckland Council.

He was the project manager, and one of the principal authors, of the first Regional Plan: Coastal for Auckland in the mid 1990's.

### **Teaching /Facilitation**

Greg is one of the teachers/facilitators of the Ministry for the Environment's Making Good Decisions courses. This is the required course for anyone wishing to be a hearings commissioner under the Resource Management Act 1991 (he holds a Chair's accreditation under this course).

### **Other**

In 2013 he received the Distinguished Service Award from the New Zealand Planning Institute "In recognition of his significant contribution to the field of planning and to the affairs of the institute".



## IAN MUNRO

Bachelor of Planning (Hons); Master of Planning (Hons); Master of Architecture [Urban Design] (Hons); Master of Environmental Legal Studies (Hons); Master of Transport Engineering Studies (Hons).

Full Member, New Zealand Planning Institute; Member, Urban Design Forum; Member, IPENZ Transportation Group.

Member of Auckland Council's Urban Design Panel, and currently one of its Chairs.

Practising RMA Commissioner since 2007, involved in making over 300 decisions for North Shore City, Auckland City, Auckland, Thames Coromandel, Waikato, and Queenstown Lakes Districts.

Professional Teaching Fellow (periodic), University of Auckland School of Architecture and Planning in urban design, urban planning, and local government topics.

2001 - present: Extensive experience in the preparation and/or assessment of over fifteen hundred resource consent applications and/or urban design reviews including for subdivision; residential; rural; mixed use / town centre; industrial; designation /infrastructure; & comprehensive structure plan matters in Rodney District, North Shore City, Waitakere City, Auckland City, Thames Coromandel District, Kapiti Coast District, Porirua City, Hutt City and Queenstown Lakes District.

### **Examples**

2014 - 2018: Expert witness, Auckland Council PAUP, Business zones and urban design provisions including Environment Court appeals to transport provisions.

2014 - present: Expert witness, Brecon Street Partnership Ltd, Plan Change 50, Queenstown centre.

2014 - 2015: External facilitator, Richmond Residential Density Project.

2014 - 2015: Advisor, Dunedin City Council 2GP review (urban provisions).

2014 - 2016: Advisor, Nelson City Council Nelson Plan Review (RPS and District Plan CBD / centre provisions).

2012 - 2013: Urban Design Advisor, Kapiti Coast District Council Paraparaumu Centre Structure Plan finalisation.

2014 - present: Urban Designer, Flat Bush Stage 3 Special Housing Area, for Murphys Development Ltd.

2014 - present: Design Leader and Urban Designer, Auranga development, for Ma Development Enterprises Ltd.

2016 - present: Design Leader and Urban Designer, Rotokauri North Special Housing Area, Hamilton, Ma Development Enterprises Ltd.

2017 - Design leader, Wainuiomata North Development Framework, Hutt City Council.