

Introducing the Reviewers

Bob Evans is Professor of Environmental Planning at the University of Waikato. He has worked as a town planner in local government, the private sector and for community organisations and was previously Professor and Director of the Sustainable Cities Research Institute, Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK. He holds degrees in politics, town planning and sociology and has a PhD in environmental planning. He has published widely on local sustainable development, land use and environmental planning, with an emphasis upon issues of governance and environmental justice. His most recent book is *Governing Sustainable Cities*. He has undertaken numerous major research projects into sustainable development for the European Commission and for other funding bodies, and has worked on research projects in Japan, China and New Zealand in addition to Europe. Recent research has included work on local governance for sustainability; civic engagement in renewable energy projects; and the development of soft infrastructure for urban sustainability.

David Francis is the Sustainable Business Adviser with the Nelson Regional Economic Development Agency. David works with any size or type of business, including schools and councils, to minimize energy and water usage, wastewater generation and packaging. His recent work has included working with the Cawthron Institute on an investigation into regional energy security risks and opportunities for Top of the South businesses. He holds an engineering degree in chemicals & materials and a Diploma in Geo-Thermal Energy Technology. David also co-convenes the Nelson Tasman Sustainability Forum and runs his own direct inbound tourism company. He has lived in Nelson for 17 years and has two children.

Philippa Howden-Chapman is a professor of public health at the University of Otago, Wellington, New Zealand, where she teaches public policy. She is director of He Kainga Oranga/ Housing and Health Research Programme and the New Zealand Centre for Sustainable Cities. She has conducted a number of randomised community housing trials in partnership with local communities, which have had a major influence on housing, health and energy policy. She has a strong interest in reducing inequalities in the determinants of health and has published widely in this area, receiving a number of awards for her work. She is currently the chair of the WHO Housing and Health Guideline Development Group.

Kerensa Johnston, LL.M (First Class Honours), BA (History) is a lawyer with a background in Maori land law, the Treaty of Waitangi and local government law. She has experience working in the public and corporate sectors as well as for voluntary organisations. From 2002 – 2011, she was a legal academic at the Faculty of Law, University of Auckland where she researched and taught in the area of Maori legal issues, land law and international human rights. Kerensa has represented iwi and hapu groups in the courts and the Waitangi Tribunal on a variety of issues relating to land and sovereignty rights. Kerensa is a member of the New Zealand Law Society, Te Hunga Roia Maori o Aotearoa (Maori Law Society), a Contributing Editor to the New Zealand Law Review and an Associate Director of Wakatu Incorporation, Nelson. Kerensa lives in the Nelson region and is of Te Atiawa, Ngaruahine, Ngati Tama and Ngati Whawhakia descent.

Peter Lawless combines in his work people, process and science to help organisations and groups reach agreement and achieve their aims. In a thirty year work history Peter started as a biologist working with grapes and apples, matured as a specialist in freshwater management, was involved in reforming how coastal management happens in New Zealand, and became a senior manager for the Department of Conservation moving from technical roles into general management. Since 2005 Peter has been an independent consultant teaching and practicing facilitation particularly at the interface of communities and their environment. Current projects include supporting the Nelson Biodiversity Forum, coordinating implementation of the Top of the South marine biosecurity strategic plan, preparing a Strategy for the Kaikoura coast for Te Korowai o Te Tai o Marokura, leading an expert advisory group assisting implementation of the Pest Management National Plan of Action, preparing stream management plans for four Nelson streams and facilitating formation of a deed for government/industry agreements for biosecurity preparedness and response. Peter has lived on and off in Nelson since 1989.

Dr Maggie Lawton has been involved in research and science management in land use management, catchment management, greenhouse gas and climate change, freshwater ecology, sustainable forestry, low impact urban design, building science and infrastructure services. Several years ago she moved from research into local government where she has had responsibility at Manukau City Council for strategy and policy development, community outcomes and key stakeholder relationships. At the Auckland Council she was responsible for water ecosystems and water management. She is currently on a short-term contract with Queenstown Lakes District Council as their Infrastructure Services Manager. She is an assessor for the New Zealand Green Building Council and a Green Star Accredited Professional and also an accredited Natural Step advisor. Her current research area is ecological footprinting. Maggie's aim is to help communities have the knowledge and skills required to both plan and implement actions which position them well for the future.

Jason Leung-Wai is a Senior Economist with BERL economics. He has been involved in economic development for over 15 years, first within the public sector and, for the last seven years, at BERL. He holds a masters degree in economics, with an undergraduate degree in finance. He is currently completing a postgraduate diploma in economic development. Much of his work at BERL has been around regional and industry development. A major focus has been on understanding a region's goals and competitive advantages and then applying these to achieve economic growth. He has worked in a number of regions in New Zealand, including Taranaki, Wellington, Bay of Plenty, Auckland, and the West Coast. He is becoming more interested in the social and cultural aspects of economic development, which he believes are less well understood, particularly in terms of their potential contribution to economic growth. His time in the public sector provided a good grounding of the mechanics of government, policy process and design, intervention logic and programme development.

Peter Olorenshaw is a registered architect specialising in eco architecture who lives in the Maitai Valley, Nelson. He tries to incorporate sustainable design and materials in all his work, depending on how far clients want to take it. As well as his own clients, he also designs for sustainable building company Hybrid Homes. Having built his own adobe house from earth on site, living off grid, with an independent power system, with a composting toilet, grey water system and rainwater water supply since 1996 has given him practical experience of attempting to live sustainably. As well as a keen interest in sustainable city configurations he also has a keen interest in sustainable means of transport, being convenor of Nelsust: The Nelson Transport Strategy Group since 2008. He has helped write Nelsust's detailed submissions to Nelson and Tasman Council's Long Term Plans, Transport Strategies and Programmes.