

Biographies of RMA Principles Technical Advisory Group

Auckland barrister **Alan Dormer** (TAG Chair) has been an independent resource consent hearing commissioner. He is a past President of the Resource Management Law Association of New Zealand and is on its National Committee. He chaired the Technical Advisory Group appointed in 2008 to provide advice on the Phase One Resource Management reforms, was Chair of the Phase Two Urban Reforms Technical Advisory Group and was a member of the Infrastructure Technical Advisory Group.

Phil Gurnsey is a planning associate with Beca in Wellington and has a wide experience in resource management at both a local and central government level, through his time with Environment Canterbury, Ministry for the Environment and in the Office of the Minister for the Environment. Mr Gurnsey has a Masters of Regional and Resource Planning.

Auckland resident **Paul Majurey** (Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Whanaunga, Ngāti Tamaterā and Ngāti Pāoa (Marutūāhu)) has 27 years experience in gaining resource consents for major industrial projects and has represented clients on RMA issues at a number of levels, including at the Privy Council. He has advised on Treaty of Waitangi and other Māori legal issues, including Treaty negotiations. Mr Majurey is a Local Authority Resource Management Act hearing commissioner.

Phil Mitchell is the founding director of Mitchell Partnerships, an environmental consulting practice in Auckland. He has in-depth knowledge of New Zealand's environmental legislation and its implementation. Dr Mitchell's PhD is in water resources engineering and he is a qualified planner, experienced expert witness and hearings commissioner.

Environment Canterbury Commissioner **Peter Skelton** is a former Environment Court Judge and past Associate Professor of Resource Management Law at Lincoln University. He has been an independent commissioner for Environment Waikato and Environment Canterbury.

Wellington-based **Mark St Clair** is a director of Hill Young Cooper, a public policy and resource management consultancy. Mr St Clair has considerable resource management experience, and experience in statutory resource consent applications and policy for both public and private sector clients. He is an accredited hearings commissioner.

Nelson City Councillor **Rachel Reese** previously worked as a private resource management consultant. She is an accredited commissioner and has conducted both policy (plan development) and consent hearings.

Jenni Vernon is a Ngaruawahia sheep and beef farmer, a private resource management consultant, and an independent hearings commissioner. She served on the Environment Waikato council for 12 years, including four as Chair.