



### **Sub-Theme 1: Bridging the Central / Local Government Divide**

What is the ideal split between Central Government and Local Government in terms of managing the challenges faced by our communities, our cities and our nation?

The Panel for the Review into the Future for Local Government released its final report in June – He piki tūranga, he piki kōtuku, which includes a package of recommendations to support local government to play a critical role in building place-based resilience that supports communities through the times ahead.

The last few years have seen a shift towards more Central Government control; notably in areas such as Three Waters and the introduction of new national policy statements on freshwater management, urban development and highly productive land. There are mixed views on the efficiency and effectiveness of more Central Government influence on the day-to-day operation of Local Government. What is the right balance between a clear, local voice and centrally driven efficiency? What part does planning play in this change and how do we need to adapt to the changing needs of our communities?

### **Sub-Theme 2 - Co-Governance, Māori in Decision-making and Tino Rangatiratanga**

Much is being said about co-governance, Māori in decision making and Tino Rangatiratanga in the public discourse. Decision makers need to have the skills, knowledge and confidence to understand the bigger picture.

We seek to explore the following questions:

- when decisions consider and apply tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori, the exercise of kaitiakitanga, and giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, who represents (or speaks for) Māori at a national, regional and local level in those decisions?
- who is Māori?
- is there a place for Tino Rangatiratanga in Aotearoa New Zealand's resource management system? Should Tino Rangatiratanga retain a place in a contemporary society and, if so, what are the barriers in our resource management system, and within our profession, that hinder Tino Rangatiratanga?

Planners, policy makers and resource management practitioners need to be prepared and responsive to national directions, giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and implementation of settlement legislation.

We want to foster positive and inclusive dialogue and seek abstracts that address the above questions, including abstracts on the:

1. Operation and challenges of existing co-governance models in Aotearoa New Zealand, including potential practical expressions outlining how to make co-governance work at a national, regional and/or localised level in the management of our natural and physical resources
2. Both existing application of Māori in decision-making, and opportunities and challenges with Māori in decision-making in a future resource management system
3. Consideration of Tino Rangatiratanga in contemporary society

### **Sub-Theme 3: Facing Climate Change Together**

In recent years Aotearoa New Zealand has experienced droughts which have left towns and cities with very little water, as well as severe rain events and cyclones that have overwhelmed infrastructure and left communities cut off and landscapes devastated. So, how do we work better together to plan for the effects of climate change without leaving anyone behind? How do we make sure the right land use happens in the right place? Should we be 'red-zoning' areas of the country? How do we plan infrastructure in the face of uncertainty? And who foots the bill?

### **Sub-Theme 4: Planning for diversity and inclusion**

How does who we are affect how we plan? Who has the right to plan for our diverse communities?

To be a planner is to have the power to shape the spaces around us, and part of our role is to make these spaces safe for all. But is it possible to create spaces for communities we are not a part of? Can non-Māori truly plan for Māori spaces? Should one gender be planning spaces that will predominately be used by other genders? How can we work together to create places that work for us all? This sub-theme responds to global calls for more diverse workforces which reflect the communities they serve.



# ABSTRACTS

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*Abstracts must be submitted by*

*Wednesday 6 September at 4pm.*

*Submitters will be advised whether their*

*abstract has been accepted by late-September.*

# GUIDELINES

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*All abstract submissions must be made by using this online form:*

[https://nzpi.formstack.com/forms/nzpi\\_conf\\_abstract](https://nzpi.formstack.com/forms/nzpi_conf_abstract)

*We would also welcome proposals for panel discussions that will explore conflicting views on contested planning issues.*

**When submitting your abstract, please note the following key points:**

- Your abstract should have a focus on learning outcomes rather than a 'show and tell' approach.
  - Preference will be given to abstracts that demonstrate innovation and new approaches (including those showing learnings from new approaches that did not deliver expected outcomes).
  - Your abstract must contain sufficient information so that if it is published, it will be a complete overview of the full presentation.
  - NZPI will give chosen speakers either a single day pass and up to \$400 towards travel costs per abstract (not per speaker) or a single full conference registration
  - For presentations/workshops that have co-presenters please assign a lead presenter to be responsible for the abstract submission. If co-presenting, please complete the 'co-presenter' section on the submission form and ensure the abstract title is an exact match to what your lead presenter has provided. If an author is unable to present, you may have a substitute presenter with the prior approval of NZPI.
  - Please think carefully about your abstract title as this cannot be changed once accepted. The title must be no more than 36 characters (inc. spaces); you have the option of including a tagline if you need to expand on your title.
  - Abstracts must be no more than 1800 characters (inc. spaces). Please ensure your abstract is free of typographical and grammatical errors.
  - Submission of an abstract implies the author's agreement to publish their presentation in any publications associated with the conference, including on the NZPI website.
  - Acceptance is at the discretion of NZPI, whose decision is final.
  - Standard abbreviations may be used for common terms only. Where uncommon terms are used, the abbreviations should be given in brackets after the first full use of the word.
- Speaker profile requirements:**
- Bio must be no more than 500 characters (inc. spaces)
  - Corporate Photo must be 550w x 730h (pixels)