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SERVICE AWARD

Hamish Wesney

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Hamish graduated from Massey University with a bachelor's degree in Resource and Environmental Planning (Hons). After three years as a Resource Management Planner with Horowhenua District Council, Hamish joined Boffa Miskell as a planner in their Wellington office in 2004. Over the past (nearly) twenty years, he has progressed from senior planner to a full partner in the company and is now a partner and director of Boffa Miskell.

Hamish has made a significant contribution over many years to the image and practice of planning and has advanced the theory and practice of planning in New Zealand. He has done this through his leadership in policy, plan development for several district and regional councils (Hamish has led six full District Plan reviews for district councils, and a significant number of plan changes, addressing a broad range of issues and challenges), and his leadership in several award-winning planning projects and several 'firsts' in the planning industry, including a lead role in the first-ever combined District Plan (Wairarapa's Combined District Plan); and leading New Zealand's first-ever digital district plan, and first district plan to implement the National Planning Standards (New Plymouth's Proposed District Plan).

Hamish is a well-rounded planner having also led the consenting for a wide range of projects, with quality outcomes. Hamish willingly shares his knowledge with clients and peers and is dedicated to building capacity and mentoring other planners. Hamish has also benefitted the planning profession by presenting at NZPI events, preparing implementation guidance for local authorities on the National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy, and best practice notes for the Quality Planning website for the Ministry for the Environment.

For all his contributions, Hamish is a deserving recipient of Te Kōkiringa Taumata / NZ Planning Institute's Distinguished Service Award.