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DISTINGUISHED

SERVICE AWARD

Jennifer Valentine

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Jennifer is SLR's Technical Director – Planning. She has significant experience with the processing of and making delegated decisions on resource consent applications. She currently provides technical advice and peer reviews for the processing of consent applications by the SLR planning team for Auckland Council, Far North District Council and a wide range of complex applications for Auckland Council's Premium Resource Consents Team. Jennifer has also represented Auckland Council in the Environment Court and mediation.

Jennifer's involvement in these projects has shaped the skyline of Auckland. She has worked on key projects within the City Centre and wider Isthmus, at a time when rapid urbanisation has been occurring through the transformation enabled by the Auckland Unitary Plan and new national policy direction.

Jennifer's experience has also been utilised in driving key projects in the telecommunications industry. She has coordinated the technical planning oversight and inputs across New Zealand for the establishment and maintenance of telecommunications infrastructure, and growth of the networks.

Most recently, Jennifer has been playing an overarching technical role by driving renewable energy projects. She has been working across various technical specialities to maintain and enhance a positive planning practice image. She is highly regarded as a Technical Director of Planning as her unique skills and experience are trusted and relied upon by her clients, peers and colleagues to provide technically sound planning advice and sustainable resource management outcomes.

Jennifer has supported the development of many of SLR's (formerly 4Sight) emerging planners. She has been involved in the mentoring of planners by transferring her experience and skills gained over the years. She has also facilitated external mentoring through the NZPI Auckland Emerging Planners Mentoring Programme.

Jennifer's contribution to the image and practice of planning in the New Zealand context is highly regarded. Her leadership, mentoring and aspirational attributes including her work ethic, professionalism, attention to detail, efficiency and project management skills are outstanding. It is for these reasons that she is a highly deserving recipient of Te Kōkiringa Taumata / NZ Planning Institute's Distinguished Service Award.