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SERVICE AWARD

Lindsay Daysh

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Lindsay's first foray into the field of planning was in 1986, working as a graduate planner at the then Ministry of Works. Since then, Lindsay has worked in a variety of planning fields, both in government and private practice. He is currently a director of the planning consultancy Incite, continues to actively work primarily as a hearings commissioner and as a respected expert witness in the Environment Court, and mentors not only staff in his office, but any planner who actively seeks his advice.

In addition to his day in day out planning work, Lindsay has been a strong advocate for quality planning practice and has provided a major contribution to planning through his teaching of the 'Making Good Decisions' Commissioner training program. Lindsay has been teaching the foundation, chair and recertification courses since 2016. Through these courses, Lindsay provides ongoing guidance and leadership to the profession.

Lindsay has been on the branch committee of the Resource Management Law Association and is the independent chair of the Wellington Airport Air Noise Management Committee. He is also a Fast Track Consenting Panel commissioner, and in 2011 was a Ministerial Appointee to the Rugby World Cup Authority under the Empowering Act 2011. Lindsay also regularly interviews people who have applied to be Full members of Te Kōkiringa Taumata / New Zealand Planning Institute.

Through his commissioner work, Lindsay has made a significant contribution to the image and practice of planning. As well as his thorough technical planning knowledge, Lindsay creates an environment in hearings that allows lay submitters who appear in front of him, or panels he is on, to be as comfortable as possible in what can be an intimidating environment. His ability to create an environment where submitters can relax and deliver their message, and as a result genuinely feel like they have been heard, is second to none, and deserves particular recognition. For all these reasons, Lindsay is a deserving recipient of Te Kōkiringa Taumata / NZ Planning Institute's Distinguished Service Award.