



COMPETITION!!!

Young Professionals - Your Chance to attend the FIG Working Week in Hanoi, Vietnam

Here's an exciting opportunity to travel to Hanoi, Vietnam. Our Diamond Partner, Eighty4 Recruitment is once again providing sponsorship of NZ\$2000 towards the cost of attending the **FIG Working Week 2019** in Hanoi, 22-26 April. [More competition information.](#)

To enter fill in the form at <https://goo.gl/forms/T305QZtDIYnHE2Cn1>

Entries close 8 February



PROFESSIONAL EXAMS 2019 - REGISTRATION IS OPEN

A reminder that all applications for eligibility to sit the Professional Exams and electronic forms must be received by 11 February 2019. The exams are scheduled for 8-9 April 2019. [Register here](#)

EXAMINATION PANEL VACANCIES

There are currently three Examiner vacancies on the Examination Panel; *Cadastral Law, Planning, Design and Resource Management* and *Land Development Engineering Examiner*.

Being an examiner is a crucial and rewarding role in the development of the profession and future experts. The Panel fulfils a very important role for the surveying and spatial profession in assessing the competency of practitioners in various surveying disciplines. Examiners play an integral part in a team that is collectively responsible for administering the Professional Entrance (bi-annual) examinations.

To get involved in this critical team please contact Matt Ryder, Cadastral Stream Leader, cadastral@surveyspatialnz.org for the Cadastral Law examiner vacancy or Julia Glass, Land Development and Urban Design Stream Leader, ldud@surveyspatialnz.org for the other two examiner vacancies.

The deadline for receiving Expressions of Interest has been extended to **Monday 5 February** - please consider registering your interest or encourage suitably qualified colleagues to put their names forward. [More details here.](#)



CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Webinar: LINZ Exception Process, Session 2 - Water and Irregular Boundaries

Friday 15 February, 10.00 -11.00am. [Book here](#)

Webinar: Whanganui Geospatial Data Portal Using Open Source Solutions

Friday 1 March. 10.00 -11.00am. [Book Here.](#)



CONFERENCE 2019

Registrations for this year's conference in Auckland on will be opening 7 February 2019. Keep an eye on the [conference website](#).

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- [Expressions Of Interest, Strata Titles Surveyor](#), Solomon Islands
- [Licensed Cadastral Surveyor](#), Harrison Grierson, Hamilton
- [Land Development Surveyor/Engineer](#), Paterson Pitts, Queenstown.

CONSULTATION UNDERWAY - Rules for Cadastral Survey 2010

The Rules for Cadastral Survey 2010 have been under review by LINZ since 2017. The results of the first round of consultation were published in July 2018 and feedback is now being sought from interested parties on [proposed changes](#) (Stage 2 - Part 2).

The Cadastral Stream will be making a submission on behalf of members and ask that members submit feedback to cadastral@surveyspatialnz.org by **Tuesday 26**

February. You can also send a separate submission in your own name to sgrulesreview@linz.govt.nz by 7 March 2019.

[Check out the video](#) explaining the changes.

Key documents:

- [Issues and Opportunities paper](#) – August 2017
- [Stage 2-Part 1 Consultation on proposed changes](#) – July 2018
- [Stage 2-Part 2 Consultation on proposed changes.](#)
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ADVOCACY

New look for Ministry for the Environment's Resource Management Update

MoE has a new look and name for their RMA Update e-newsletter. The information for councils is now called **Environment Update**. The update will contain a wider array of topics that span all aspects of the environment. [Recent information on the RMA.](#)

NZ Vertical Datum 2016

Following the successful joint pilot programme with S+SNZ in Napier last year, LINZ has scheduled [five further meetings](#) advocating for NZVD2016. S+SNZ branches are assisting with providing names of council staff and elected members as well as contacting allied professionals in their regions to advertise these meetings. Register for a session in Auckland, Wellington, Waikato, Bay of Plenty or Canterbury at <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/nzvd2016-hui-2019-registration-55319193196>.

Members will receive 2 CPD units for attending.



CASE NOTES

Summaries of cases from Thomson Reuter's "Your Environment".

This month we report on six court decisions covering diverse situations associated with subdivision, development and land use activities from around the country;

- A successful appeal against refusal of consent to a subdivision for rural living lots within a “Rural Character Landscape” area near Wanaka. The hearing took place before the Council’s decision on the proposed district plan was issued, but the decision was issued subsequently. The relevant rules in the proposed plan were treated as operative but objectives and policies of the operative plan remained relevant;
- An appeal against refusal of consent for a non-complying rural subdivision near Auckland, where the housing on the proposed subdivided site had already been lawfully established. The consent was granted following mediation and subject to conditions that prevented further subdivision of the new site;
- A decision by the Court of Appeal to overturn a decision of the High Court on judicial review of the AUP Independent Hearings Panel decision on zoning of a property on Auckland’s North Shore. The issue involved reliance on certain submissions provided by the Council’s planner.
- An unsuccessful appeal by a Waihi Beach development company against issue of an abatement notice for breaching conditions of consent that required trucks bring fill material from a quarry to avoid use of the road through the shopping centre of the town and use a longer route. This appeal against the abatement notice was distinct from a challenge to the condition(s);
- An unsuccessful application for judicial review of a decision by Auckland Council to grant consent for extensions to a house and construction of a swimming pool at Herne Bay, Auckland on a non-notified basis;
- A prosecution by Auckland Council of a person associated with a saga of offences under the RMA and Building Act on numerous properties around the region.

[Read the full summaries and previous notes.](#)

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