

## 2019 Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM is being held on Thursday 7 November 2019 at the Intercontinental Hotel, Wellington. All members are encouraged to attend this event. The final papers will be available on the [Governance section](#) of the website prior to the day.

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## ADVOCACY

### Resource Management Amendment Bill

Submissions on this Bill to the Environment Select Committee close on 7 November. The Bill principally amends the Resource Management Act 1991(RMA) and the Resource Legislation Amendment Act 2017. Its overarching objectives are to reduce complexity, increase certainty, restore public participation opportunities, and improve RMA processes. The Bill also supports the urgent need to improve freshwater management and outcomes in New Zealand.

S+SNZ will consider making a submission to the Select Committee and encourages members to make their own individual submission where possible. To read more about what this Bill is about, go to the 'explanatory note' in the following link:

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2019/0180/latest/whole.html#LMS259082>.

### Te Ture Whenua Māori Bill

This Bill was introduced on 19 September 2019 and has yet to be referred to Select Committee. The omnibus bill includes a suite of amendments to Te Ture Whenua Maori Act designed to: enhance the intergenerational well-being of owners of Māori land; simplify the complexity and requirements that owners of Māori land encounter when engaging with the Māori Land Court; promote the efficient operation of the Māori Land Court; and ensure that the Māori land tenure system is fit for purpose. S+SNZ had previously made a submission on a much earlier proposed reform (2009) and a subsequent Bill before the House was withdrawn in December 2017 following the change of government. S+SNZ will consider making a submission to the relevant Select Committee and also encourages members to make their own individual submission where possible. To read more about what this Bill is about, go to the 'explanatory note' in the following link:

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<http://legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2019/0179/latest/whole.html#LMS154434>.

If you wish to help S+SNZ prepare a submission on either of these Bills please contact [karin@surveyspatialnz.org](mailto:karin@surveyspatialnz.org).



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- [Experienced Surveyor](#), Energy Surveys, Taupo
- [Cadastral Surveyor/Graduate Land Development Engineer](#), Paterson Pitts, Queenstown
- [Licensed Cadastral Surveyor](#), Latitude Surveying, Tauranga
- [Survey Technician](#), 84 Recruitment, Bay of Plenty Tauranga
- [Survey Technician](#), RPC Land Surveyors, Mt Maunganui
- [Licensed Cadastral Surveyor](#), 84 Recruitment, Tasman Nelson.

See the full list on the [Jobs Board](#).

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## CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### **Webinar: A Practical Guide to Unit Title Subdivisions for Cadastral Surveyors, 8 November**

This webinar presented by Neale Faulkner will cover practical guidelines in Unit Title Subdivisions. [Register here](#).

### **Spatial Conference: Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial or FOSS4G, 12-15 November**

S+SNZ is an industry partner for this event being held in Wellington 12-15 November 2019.

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[For more information and to register.](#)

**PLS/LINZ/Survey & Spatial NZ Subdivision Workshop - Auckland, 24 October**

Registrations are open for this Auckland workshop designed for lawyers and surveyors. The aim of the session is to review problem areas in dealings handled by both lawyers and surveyors and identify opportunities to collaborate and better understand the interrelationship between the two professions.

[Register here.](#)

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## CASE NOTES



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

- Can an advice note appended to a resource consent decision stating that provisions in a regional plan would not be enforced in specified circumstances be unlawful? This High Court decision addresses the Environment Court decision about a land-use application at North Canterbury;
- The prosecution of a land-owner of property at Ngaio Wellington, for unauthorised earthworks
- An unsuccessful appeal against the refusal of consent for vehicle storage on a rural property near Christchurch airport
- Another unsuccessful appeal against the refusal of consent for the temporary storage of relocatable houses on a rural property near Whangarei
- The sentencing of three companies for unlawful construction of an access track for extraction of timber from a forestry plantation in the steep country south of Kawhia Harbour

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- A decision on costs related to withdrawal of an application for enforcement orders seeking to prevent a pest eradication drop of 1080 poison in the Hunua Ranges south-east of Auckland
  - Prosecution of a businessman for illegal dumping of drums of old motor oil on several properties in the Auckland area including near a water supply reservoir in a Regional Park.

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

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## **NZ SPATIAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

Keep up with the latest and greatest in New Zealand's rapidly evolving spatial sector by joining us to toast the 2019 winners at the annual **New Zealand Spatial Excellence Awards**. The awards will be held on Thursday, 17 October, at Te Papa, Museum of New Zealand, Wellington. With Mark Sainsbury as MC, this gala occasion promises to be the spatial industry's most important and prestigious event for the year.

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## **FIG - Call for Nominations for Vice-President**

The FIG Council is inviting nominations for Vice President of the Federation for the period 2021-2024. These close 16 December 2019 and the nomination papers can be found at [http://fig.net/news/news\\_2019/...](http://fig.net/news/news_2019/...)

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