



Getting the planners in sync with transportation planning (and vice versa)

Karyn will be addressing the changing face of transport in NZ

- Reflecting on the relationship of transportation planners and planners over 30 years of practice;
- The common challenges and opportunities the transportation and planning industries are facing;
- What our collective future might hold and
- How NZPI and IPENZ could collaborate more and what outcomes that could achieve

If planning and transportation in the 20th century was about distinctive function of roads and land use and the current trends are about integration, what does the future hold for both professions in the face of artificial intelligence, climate change and what our future generations want for their future, the foundations of which will delivered by actions today.

Karyn will discuss her experience working alongside transport planners in recent years, the challenges that the planning profession faces – many of which will resonant the transportation planning fraternity, and offer some insights where she thinks the two professions work together to progress understanding of our own unique skill bases, that ultimately serve a wider goal for the communities that we live in.

Karyn Sinclair, Chair, New Zealand Planning Institute Board



Karyn Sinclair is a town planner with over 30 years' experience, primarily in infrastructure and transportation projects. She is the current chair of the Board of the New Zealand Planning Institute (NZPI). Established in 1949, NZPI has more than 2000 members involved in strategic planning initiatives and implementation of urban and rural plans and work across a range of government, consultancy and industry groups.

Karyn's career has spanned several local government positions, both rural and urban, consultancy and self-employment.

Karyn worked on the development of the Waitakere District Plan, which embraced the focus of the Resource Management Act and focussed very directly on effects rather than activities. Now days she works primarily on strategic planning and consenting for infrastructure projects, including leading the consents for projects such as Puhoi to Warkworth, which is currently under construction. Karyn has worked on transport projects from cycle ways, roading improvements for safer cycling to corridor management plans, business case development to significant motorway projects.

While self-employed Karyn obtained her "Making Good Decisions" certification and has sat on a significant number of resource consent, plan change, designation and other hearings. Most notably Karyn chaired the hearing for the Auckland SkyPath proposal, which attracted over 18000 submissions. Karyn's current role as Technical Planning Lead for Jacobs NZ has her involved at all stages of a variety of transportation projects, from leading options evaluation processes to leading resource consent processes and undertaking reviews for compliance during construction.