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QUALIFICATIONS

MASTER OF RESOURCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING (1ST CLASS HONS) 2015
MASSEY UNIVERSITY

TE KAUPAE 5, RUMAKI REO 2020
TE WHARE WĀNANGA O TE TAUHU

ACCREDITATION AS PORTUGUESE – ENGLISH TRANSLATOR 2012
NAATI (National Association of Translators and Interpreters, Australia)

POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA (SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHING) 2004
MASSEY UNIVERSITY

PRINCIPAL PLANNER

Mike has a strong background in planning and technical writing, with a range of experience that includes policy development, mediation, council hearings, public engagement, multi-criteria analysis and presenting in council workshops. Mike is also a professional linguist, having taught report-writing at university level and worked as a qualified translator in the past.

Mike brings a keen interest in ensuring that sustainable urban development and the treatment of te taiao are consistent with the aspirations and guiding philosophy of both Treaty partners. Mike has a range of experiences in bringing policy advice to decision-makers, Treaty partners and key stakeholders, and in acting effectively based on their feedback.

Mike brings a rigour and discipline to his writing and deliberations on planning issues, with a knack for expressing key information with clarity and concision.

EXPERTISE

- Strong analytical and critical evaluation skills.
- A diverse range of experience in resource management planning.
- Eloquent written communication skills supported by a grounding in syntax, structure and style of formal report writing.
- Ability to provide critical analysis of planning documents and to clearly articulate their implications for clients.
- Excellent research skills, with experience formulating, analysing and interpreting both qualitative and quantitative data.
- A collaborative and inquisitive communication style focussed on elevating all parties and achieving mutually beneficial outcomes.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

PRINCIPAL PLANNER
THE CATALYST GROUP LTD
2023–present

PRINCIPAL PLANNER
WAKA KOTAHI/ NZ TRANSPORT
AGENCY
2021–2023

SENIOR PLANNING ADVISER
NELSON CITY COUNCIL
2020–2021

PLANNING ADVISER
NELSON CITY COUNCIL
2017–2020

CONSULTANT PLANNER
OPUS INTERNATIONAL (NOW
WSP)
2015-2016

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- NZ Planning Institute (eligible for full membership)
- RMLA member
- NZSTI member (2012-2017)

RECENT EXPERIENCE

WCC PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN SUBMISSIONS WAKA KOTAHI

Lead a team of five making submissions on the full Wellington City Council District Plan Review, including further submissions. Submissions covered a wide range of topics including Strategic Direction, Walkable Catchments, Medium- and High-Density Residential Zones, Character Precincts, Noise, Transport & Infrastructure. Involvement included preparing and reviewing evidence and appearing at hearings.

OVERSEEING PREPARATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS WAKA KOTAHI

Consenting lead for a number of safety improvement projects as well as the schedule for maintenance and upgrades. Included regular meetings to discuss progress, oversight of consultant planners, review of draft applications to council. These included notices of requirement, resource consents and archaeological authorities.

REVIEWING ENQUIRIES AND PROVIDING FEEDBACK WAKA KOTAHI

Engaged with customers on a range of enquiries. Sought to work collaboratively to find mutually beneficial outcomes, to both enable private development and safe and sustainable transport. Engaged with customers, and prepared and defended evidence for Council hearings.

ENGAGEMENT LEAD NELSON CITY COUNCIL/ TE TAUHU IWI WORKING GROUP

Led engagement with iwi partners in Te Taihu/ the Top of the South in relation to the Nelson Unitary Plan review. Included negotiation and commissioning of a region-wide review of all listed places of significance to Māori, an approach and methodology that was then replicated by a neighbouring council.

POLICY AND S32 ASSESSMENT PREPARATION NELSON CITY COUNCIL

Reviewing and developing recommended changes to policy provisions for the new Nelson unitary plan. Work included coordinating technical experts, delivering council workshops, and running public engagement sessions, with topics ranging from Industrial zone to Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori to Designations.