



# MIKE SCOTT

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## QUALIFICATIONS

### INDEPENDENT HEARING COMMISSIONER

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**MASTER OF RESOURCE AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING  
(1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS HONS)**  
MASSEY UNIVERSITY 2015

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

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**ACCREDITATION AS PORTUGUESE -  
ENGLISH TRANSLATOR**  
NAATI (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
TRANSLATORS AND INTERPRETERS,  
AUSTRALIA) 2012

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

## 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

**PLANNING ADVISER/ SENIOR PLANNING ADVISER**  
**NELSON CITY COUNCIL**  
2017–2021

**CONSULTANT PLANNER**  
**OPUS INTERNATIONAL (NOW WSP)**  
2015–2016

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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

## SAMPLE PROJECTS

### INDEPENDENT PLANNING CONSULTANT NGĀTI KUKU HAPŪ & WHAREROA MARAE

Represented Ngāti Kuku in their engagement with resource management processes, including in Environment Court hearings, engagement with applicants and production of technical material. This work mostly revolves around leveraging off recent policy development to get the best air quality outcomes for the hapū and surrounding community.

### RESOURCE CONSENT AUTHOR WHAKATŌHEA MĀORI TRUST BOARD

Finalised the resource consent application for two large-scale low-intensity aquaculture farms in the Bay of Plenty. This work involved taking over a partially complete application, updating it and engaging with technical experts to project manage their input, overseeing the lodgement of the consents with the regional council, and the application to have them considered under the fast-track process.

### WCC PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN SUBMISSIONS WAKA KOTAHI

Led 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.

### ENGAGEMENT LEAD NELSON CITY COUNCIL/ TE TAUHU IWI WORKING GROUP

Led engagement with iwi partners in Te Taiuhu/ 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.