



Department of Environmental Management Staff Profiles



LAWRENCE MCCALLUM

Lawrence McCallum was contracted to teach Professional Practice to third year students at Lincoln University in 2018. Prior to teaching at Lincoln University, Lawrence completed a Bachelor of Arts and his Master of Arts at Massey University. After working for a few years in Gisborne, Paraboradoo (Western Australia), and the Bay of Islands, Lawrence completed a Master of Science in Resource Management through Lincoln and Canterbury Universities.

Since then, Lawrence has been in Christchurch, building an extensive career in planning – working with both private consultancies and local government. Over his career, Lawrence is proud of numerous projects he has been involved with. Some of these include: helping the first 50 families into their homes in a new township in Paraboradoo, working on the catchment board with Dr George Griffiths, working on the Waimakiriri Floodplain Management plan and working with Environment Canterbury on major projects. Previously, Lawrence has been a member of the New Zealand Planning Institute and was a member up until 2012 when he left Environment Canterbury.

Presently, Lawrence is part of the Ruapuna Community Noise Committee and the

Christchurch Airport Noise Committee where he ensures these run smoothly. On reflection of his time in the planning environment, Lawrence says “A stage is reached where you cannot keep putting your body on the line. There comes a point where you feel you have done enough in that regard and you would like to pursue other things”. Lawrence’s current passion lies within the realms of historical research, and he has written and published two books on George McCulloch to date. One of these, his biography of George McCulloch, has been spread throughout the world and been put into various international libraries.

Lawrence’s perspective on where planning is today is that: “New Zealand needs good planning just as much today as it has over the last 40 years. The Resource Management Act has a tendency to get bogged down in trivia and mindless complexity and so New Zealand is not really getting the most out of good planning that it could... There are a lot of good things going on, but planning is not sufficiently integrated with other systems”.



HIRINI MATUNGA

Hirini Matunga is currently Professor of Maori and Indigenous Development and prior to that was appointed to a Professorship in Indigenous Planning at Lincoln University. Having taught at Lincoln University between

1994 and 1996, he returned to the University in 1999 after working in the Planning Department at the University of Auckland, and has been here ever since. Before taking up his current role, Hirini has held a number of positions, including Director of the Centre for Maori and Indigenous Planning and Development, Assistant Vice Chancellor, and then Deputy Vice Chancellor.

Hirini began his studies at Otago University studying Social Anthropology, before undertaking the graduate entry programme to the Bachelor of Town Planning. He completed his Bachelor of Town Planning, graduating as a town planner in 1983 and has been practising as a planner since then. Aside from his roles at Lincoln University, Hirini has had a variety of other positions including: senior lecturer in Planning at Auckland University, Senior Planner specialising in Maori issues at the Auckland Regional Council, being one of the first Maori Planners in the country with the Ministry of Works and Development in Auckland, and his graduate planning job as a Development Planner with the Napier City Council in 1983. Hirini is a current member of the New Zealand Planning Institute. Additionally, Hirini has been a member of the Executive of the World Archaeological Congress which covers the management and protection of indigenous heritage and was convenor of the Indigenous Executive of the Congress for many years.

Hirini is proud of helping draft the first Code of Ethics on archaeologist's responsibilities to indigenous communities, as well as assisting many Iwi authorities in the preparation of their Iwi Management Plans and advising and helping establish various frameworks for Iwi Management Planning. Hirini is particularly interested in the impact of rural and urban planning on Māori communities, an interest which was sparked through his involvement as the secretary of the Petane Marae Committee in the Hawke's Bay. In 2015, Hirini was awarded the Inaugural Papa Pounamu – New Zealand Planning Institute Award for outstanding service. The award is for "Demonstrating with excellence Papa Pounamu Values and Service in Māori Environmental Planning and Resource

Management"—an achievement which he feels very honoured to have received.

Now, Hirini is excited that iwi and hapu around the country are developing their own capacity for planning and environmental management, often as the result of treaty settlements. He sees this as a form of innovation in the expression of rangatiratanga, allowing iwi to employ their own planners and environmental managers.

Hirini's perspective on where planning is today is that "planning must be used as a tool for empowering Maori communities 'to determine their own futures' as well as encouraging equity in communities to look after the needs and interests of those who are less powerful in society. Having a social, environmental and cultural agenda is where planning still needs to go as the implementation of the Resource Management Act created a strong environmental focus, but often left the social and cultural aspects of planning behind".