

Editorial

First, I owe an apology to our readers and especially to the contributors to this volume of the Lincoln Planning Review (LPR), it is long overdue. The last issue, volume 11 dated December 2021, was actually published in 2022. Volume 10 was published in 2019. The delay then was due primarily to the Covid pandemic. The delay this time is more prosaic, the consequences of my workload altering with my appointment as Head of Department and a significant turnover in our staff in LPR's host, the Department of Environmental Management. It is with both embarrassment and relief that this volume is finally available.

The content of this volume also reflects that delay. The LPR has always tried to provide a bridge between academia and practitioner, publishing both new high-quality research, notes, case studies and reviews relevant to planning. It has also been used to help create or maintain connections through profiling new staff and providing updates on former students.

This issue includes new peer-reviewed articles based on research undertaken through the recently ended national Science Challenges. They provide interesting examples of the events and the assets that help build, maintain and regenerate communities. There is also a, slightly critical, note on potential for Lincoln University's research centres to support planning.

With the delay in publishing this volume, there have been so many new planning-related staff appointed, especially as the Department of Environmental Management refreshed with the departure of so many of our former colleagues (including former co-editor Dr Sarah Edwards), that much of this issue introduces many of the new staff.

We have also received feedback from readers as to how much they value knowing about new research done by students and staff on planning issues. There have been many dissertations and research publications since the last issue and, consequently, information on these takes up a sizeable space in this Volume.

In this volume we recognise the sad passing of a previous contributor and supporter of LPR, barrister Dr Robert Makgill. As described in the memoriam he played a significant role in New Zealand and International planning law.

Finally, this is the last volume of LPR that I will be involved in as editor. I was excited to initiate this journal in 2009, and I am very happily handing over to Dr Oluwafemi Olajide (profiled this issue) and Dr Soo Ryu and their team of student editors, knowing they share my enthusiasm for the journal. They have excellent ideas to ensure timely publication of the LPR articles in future. I wish them all the best and trust they will receive your continued support.

Thank you.

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