



Final Announcement

Local Government Environmental Managers Workshop Preparing for the Future!

20, 21 June 2013

Royal Society NZ, Thorndon, Wellington

6 pm first day – with dinner

8.30 to 4 pm 2nd day

Invitation to: Convenors of regional special interest groups (SIGs) involved in environmental management, the Resource Managers Group (RMG), territorial managers, and those on the distribution list.

Workshop Purpose: To consider the new significant challenges that the environmental management practice community in local government will be facing into the future and to develop a plan to respond to these challenges.

Background: The local government sector faces challenges in improving our environmental management practices to address increasingly complex and interlinked issues. Integrated understanding and decision-making requires practitioner networks and knowledge-sharing to be more responsive, informed and efficient. Environmental research and other contributions towards improved management approaches, methods and tools, can take us only so far within current arrangements. How can we grow our capabilities together, especially in integrating the sciences and environmental policy, including economic, social and cultural considerations?

Workshop Format: (see agenda attached) The workshop will kick off with a social hour followed by dinner. Guest presenter, Bob Frame, Landcare Research, will stimulate thinking for the next day with an interactive presentation on "Future New Zealand".

Scene Setting Steve Markham, Tasman District Council and convenor of the Policy Managers Special Interest Group for regional councils – providing a strategic perspective across the practitioner fields in environmental management

Presentation of some Critical Issues –

- Linking sciences and policy values and practices – Stephen Goldson, Strategic adviser to the Office of the Prime Minister's Science Advisory Committee and Fellow of the Royal Society NZ
- Understanding the place of economic approaches and information in environmental management decision-making – Marjan van den Belt Director, Ecological Economics Research New Zealand, Massey University

Expected Outcomes – Better informed environmental managers on likely challenges that lie ahead and a draft action plan to respond to these challenges.

Please confirm attendance with Bill Dyck, the Regional Council Research Coordinator Bill Dyck (BillDyck@xtra.co.nz).



Agenda

Environmental Management Futures Workshop 2013 20, 21 June 2013

Day 1 – Drinks, dinner and guest speaker
Venue: Royal Society NZ, 11 Turnbull St, Wellington

**Host: Chris Ingle, CEO West Coast Regional Council and Chair
EnviroLink Governance Committee**

Workshop Facilitator: Glen Lauder

6pm – 7pm	Drinks and socialising – foyer, RSNZ Welcome – Chris Ingle Introduction - Glen Lauder, Workshop Facilitator Guest Presenter – Bob Frame, Landcare Research “New Zealand, New Futures, New Thinking”
7pm-9:30pm	Dinner and Bob Frame, continued
Glen Lauder	Closing question – what is our blind spot?

Day 2 - June
Venue: Royal Society NZ

8.30 – 8.40am	Welcome And Introduction Chris Ingle and Glen Lauder Overview Programme and Outcomes
8.40 – 9.00am	Scene Setting – Steve Markham – Tasman District Council Why are we here? Some strategic perspectives on environmental management practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framework approaches across the fields – sciences, economics, law, policy • Knowledge management • Smarter research and data • Knowledge-sharing and building Methods and tools for integrated understanding and decision-making
9.00 - 9.25am	<i>Facilitated inquiry</i>
Breather (5 min)	
9.30 – 9.50am	Guest speaker – Stephen Goldson, Strategy Advisor to the Office of the Prime Minister's Scientific Advisory Committee, and Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand Linking science and policy values and practices
9.50 – 10.10am	<i>Facilitated inquiry</i>
10.10 – 10.30	Coffee/tea
10.30 – 10.50am	Guest speaker – Marjan van den Belt, Director, Ecological Economics Research NZ, Massey University Frameworks to integrate economic and environmental information for decision-making.
10.50 – 11.10	<i>Facilitated inquiry</i>
11.10 – 12.10am	Owning where we are: Frustrations and strengths
12.10 – 12.30	Harvest, <i>so far</i> The new questions
12.30 – 1pm	Lunch

1pm – 1.15pm	Reflection
1.15 – 1.30pm	Workshop – Preparing for the future <i>Identify workshop themes & groupings</i> <i>See possible questions, below.</i>
1.30 – 2.20pm	Workshop breakout groups, around key questions.
Breather (10 min)	
2.30 – 3.30	“Putting it together” The new context for our work?
3.30 – 4.00	Closing round Close - Chris Ingle

Possible questions for the breakout groups (to be developed on day)

1. Common frameworks - environmental and resource valuation and economics frameworks in management decision-making
2. How can we better collaborate to build and harvest knowledge?
3. What working arrangements build talent, collegiality and performance?
4. What infrastructure including ICT could support us?
5. How do we integrate territorial authority with regional practices and practitioners?