

Linda Chamberlain

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Senior Consultant Planner

Linda is a Senior Consultant Planner with Hill Young Cooper Ltd, a resource management, environmental policy and planning consultancy. Linda has over 15 years planning experience in local government as well as the private sector. She holds qualifications in urban planning from the University of Pretoria (South Africa) and a Masters in Environmental Management from the University of KwaZulu Natal (South Africa).

Linda has a wide ranging background in planning. During her time in New Zealand she has been involved in various policy, consenting, social impact assessment and stakeholder engagement processes. Linda's roles in these projects involved providing advice on strategies for achieving objectives, management of a range of technical consultants, assessment of effects, and expert evidence. She has a good understanding of city and regional development dynamics. Her rounded experience as a planner enables her to provide a broad range of planning expertise and enables her to make sound and practical contributions to urban development strategies and district plan development. She has well-developed project management skills.

Most recently Linda has worked on the detailed design phase for the Peka Peka to Otaki expressway where she managed the planning inputs to ensure the project complies with the Board of Inquiry decision. She also played a critical part in the team that worked through a multi criteria process to determine the best route for the Petone to Grenada Link Road. To complement her planning experience she also has extensive know-how in managing engagement processes and a reputation for building good relationships with clients and stakeholders. Some of Linda's planning projects over the last four year includes:

- NZTA - SH1 - Peka Peka to North Ōtaki, Wellington. Linda was responsible for ensuring compliance during the design phase (2015), as well as consultation manager (2015 and 2012).
- Hutt City Council - Plan Change 33 - Amendments to Extraction Activity Area. Reporting officer on behalf of Council (2014).
- NZTA - Petone to Grenada Link Road, Wellington. Supporting planner role in the multi-criteria analysis of the preferred route as well as consultation manager on the project (2013 - present).
- NZTA - Southern Links, Hamilton. Linda prepared the Social Impact Assessment of the Link roading proposal and delivered evidence for the hearing (2013-2014).
- Ministry of Justice, Kate Sheppard Exchange building. Represented the Ministry of Justice at a hearing in opposition to a resource consent application (2011).



Specialist Capabilities

- Resource consents
- Public engagement
- Policy analysis
- Spatial planning
- RMA

Professional Experience

- Senior Consultant, Hill Young Cooper: 2015
- Senior Resource Management Consultant, Opus International Consultants: 2011 - 2015
- Programme Manager, Urban Development, Housing Water and Environment, EU Delegation to South Africa 2004-2011
- Planner and Acting Divisional Planner (Subdivisions) eThekweni Municipality (South Africa) 1999-2004
- Student Planner Plan Practice Incorporated (South Africa) 1997-1998