

The Hearing Panel

Rob van Voorthuysen



Mr van Voorthuysen is a resource management consultant and an accredited independent hearings commissioner based in Napier. He has particular expertise in land, water, coastal and air policy issues. He has sat on over 250 RMA hearings panels; including regional policy and regional and district plan hearings in the Manawatu, Wellington, Bay of Plenty, Canterbury, Tasman, Southland, and West Coast regions; and has acted as chairperson on many of them. Prior to becoming a consultant, he was previously a Group Manager at the Hawke's Bay Regional Council, and previously worked for the Waikato Regional Council, Department of Conservation and Ministry of Works and Development.

Joce Yeoman



Jocelyn (Joce) Yeoman is a first-term Northland Regional Councillor and accredited independent hearings commissioner. She chairs the regional council's planning working party and has a particular interest in resource management.

A communications professional and journalist, she has worked in the local government sector for 15 years. Recently, she has worked on the Draft Northland Regional Plan and chaired the council in developing the Proposed Northland Regional Plan.

Miria Pomare



Miria Pomare is an experienced decision maker with an extensive background in local government issues. She has held various iwi representative roles over the years and previously acted as an Independent Hearings Commissioner for resource management applications in the Wellington region and the Far North. Miria has also been appointed to a number of decision making committees for the EPA and was recently sworn in as a Deputy Commissioner in the Environment Court. Miria is an accredited Hearings Commissioner and has completed the additional requirements necessary for a chairing endorsement. Miria has particular expertise in tikanga maori and maori resource management, having worked in the field of Treaty of Waitangi claims for more than a decade and through her personal involvement with her Marae and Iwi over decades. She is affiliated to a number of Iwi, including Ngati Toa Rangatira, Ngati Mutunga, Ngati Whakaue, Ngati Kahungunu and Rongowhakaata.