

LIST OF APPROVED RMA HEARING COMMISSIONERS

The following is the Northland Regional Council’s list of “approved commissioners” that may be appointed to hear and decide resource consent applications or objections received by the council under Sections 357-357B of the Resource Management Act 1991.

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Previously has been used as a commissioner for NRC

Independent Commissioners

Certificate	Name	Organisation or Company	Certificate Expiry Date	Chair Endorsement	Field of Expertise
Absolum	Melean	Melean Absolum Limited	31 December 2028		Registered Landscape Architect with specialist expertise in landscape and visual assessment work, including presentation of expert witness evidence to Council and Environment Court hearings.
Ashby	Mark	SLR Consulting Limited	30 June 2029	Yes	Commissioner since 2012, Chair since 2019 – covering district and regional consenting issues. RMA planning consultant, mostly for consent and NOR projects. Some experience in district plan development. Particular interest in renewable energy.
Berry	Simon	Berry Simons Environmental Law	30 June 2029	Yes	Brown and greenfield land development, including plan changes, resource consent applications, FTAs – residential, comm'l/MU, digital billboards; Infrastructure (water, wastewater, electricity); Hearing commissioner for > 20 years, many as chair or sole.
Callander	Peter	Pattle Delamore Partners Limited	31 December 2026		Groundwater, Water Resource Management, Contaminated Land.
Campbell	Fraser	Campbell Consulting Limited	31 December 2027		Environmental Engineering, Provision of Infrastructure, Stormwater and River Management, Natural hazard assessments, Irrigation and Water Resource Allocation, Economic Analysis, Land development.
Carlyon	Greg	The Catalyst Group	30 June 2029	Yes	Biodiversity, land and water management, regional and district planning, resource consents.
Carvell	Andrew	VMC Consulting Environmental Engineers Limited	30 June 2026		Environmental engineering; civil infrastructure, particularly stormwater, flood management, wastewater and potable water; development of water storage and irrigation schemes; river management and flood schemes.
Cooke	Jim (Dr)		31 December 2025		Environmental Science (40+ years experience) particularly water quality (freshwater and marine) and ecology, water quantity (allocation), soils, point sources, diffuse sources, cumulative effects.
Donovan	Wayne (Dr)	Bio Limited	31 December 2026		Aquatic Ecology; Environmental Impact Assessment; Water Quality and Quantity; Freshwater Fisheries; Aquatic Ecological Monitoring and Management Plans; Expert Witness and Peer Review.
Giles	Hilke (Dr)	Pisces Consulting Limited	30 June 2030		Environmental science, particularly estuarine/coastal/marine ecology and water quality, effects of land-based activities on aquatic environments, monitoring, modelling, effects assessment and (adaptive) management.
Green	Malcolm (Dr)		30 June 2029		Estuarine, coastal and marine science.
Hill	David		30 June 2029	Yes	Resource Management, Reserves and EEZ Act hearings, planning and policy.
Hill	Greg	Greg Hill Consultants	31 December 2028	Yes	Planning – District and Regional Planning – Plan reviews, changes and resource consents (all facets, but particularly growth management and coastal management).
Leersnyder	Hugh		30 June 2027	Yes	District and Regional planning and environmental management. Infrastructure; Soil and water management; Stormwater; Earthworks; Coastal planning.
Lieffering	Rob (Dr)		30 June 2028	Yes	Discharge permits (land, air, water), coastal permits, water permits, land use consents, subdivision consents, environmental science, planning.
Lowe	Hamish	Lowe Environmental Impact Limited	30 June 2028	Yes	Adept at considering complex issues of sustainable land management: Land – nutrient management (overseer), farm plans, farm systems; Waste discharges – municipal, industrial, farm, onsite – speciality land treatment; and Community engagements.

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Macky	Graham	Macky Fluvial Consulting Limited	30 June 2027		River engineering, including numerical modelling, overland flow, dam break analysis and sediment transport. Stormwater management. Flood hydrology including catchment modelling.
Mark-Brown	Nigel	Environmental Context Limited	30 June 2027	Yes	Civil and environmental engineering: subdivisions, stormwater, terrestrial and coastal flood management, sediment management, land contamination, landfills, wastewater, water resources, groundwater, assessment of environmental effects of development on surface and groundwater.
McArthur	Kate	The Catalyst Group	31 December 2025	Yes	
McGarry	Sharon A		30 June 2028	Yes	Statutory decision making (RMA, EEZ Act, LGA and CRAFTA) for consents, plans and policies, and bylaws. Resource management, ecology, and freshwater and marine biology.
Mitchell	Phil C (Dr)	Mitchell Daysh Limited	30 June 2029	Yes	Resource Management Planning, Environmental assessment.
Palmer	Gavin (Dr)	Corsair Consulting	30 December 2027		Natural hazards risk management, climate change adaptation, flood protection and land drainage infrastructure, river and stream works, stormwater management.
Petch	Tony (Dr)	Tony Petch Consulting Limited	30 June 2027		Land and water management, land use impacts on water, agri-environmental interactions, nutrient management, integrated catchment management, water abstraction, groundwater, flood management, regional planning.
Price	Karen	Price Consulting	30 June 2027	Yes	Law; resource management policy, plans, consents, designations; climate change; mining; water; coastal; Treaty of Waitangi; infrastructure; advanced mediator; restorative justice.
Robinson	Amy	Environment Innovation & Strategy (EIS) Limited	30 June 2030		RMA planning, coastal, environmental management, regional consents.
Rolleston	Shadrach	Rolleston Advisory Services Limited	31 December 2026		Planning and Resource Management, Spatial and Growth Management Planning, Community and Māori Engagement, Te Ao Māori, Iwi Management Planning, Tikanga Māori, Treaty Settlements, Local Government Policy Planning.
Ryder	Greg (Dr)	Greg Ryder Consulting Limited	30 June 2027	Yes	Abstractions, aquatic ecology, flow setting, hydro, impoundments, mining, non-point source discharges, water quality, wastewater discharges to coastal and freshwater environment, wind farms, plan changes.
Selvarajah	Selva	Enviroknowledge Limited	30 June 2028	Yes	Regional Council RMA consent process, consents monitoring and enforcement and in-depth technical, scientific and expert knowledge in wastewater (industrial, sewage and farm) treatment process, soil quality and contamination, water quality and quantity, catchment management, farm environment and nutrient management.
Shaw	Sarah	Sarah Shaw Barrister	31 December 2028	Yes	Resource consents, policy/plan making.
Smith	Bill		30 June 2028	Yes	Local Government. All aspects of resource management planning and Chair of Hearings Panels.
Tamura	Mark		30 June 2029		Natural resources (biodiversity, air, land, water), Rural planning, Natural hazards, Urban growth management, Transport.
van Voorthuysen	Robert	Van Voorthuysen Environmental Limited	31 December 2027	Yes	All aspects of RMA matters requiring hearings including regional policy statements, regional and district plans, notices of requirement and resource consents.
Watson	Alan	AR Watson Associates Limited	30 June 2028	Yes	Planning and resource management, chair of hearings panels.
Welsh	Craig	Resource and Environmental Management Nelson Limited	31 December 2025	Yes	Planning and resource management, chair of hearings panels.
Williams	Euan	Wood and Partners Consultants Limited	31 December 2025		Planning and Resource Management, District and Regional Planning, Designations, Resource Consents including major infrastructure, stormwater and wastewater discharges, freshwater, wetlands, urban and rural subdivision, land development, and multi-unit housing.
Withy	Alan	Alandale Associates	31 December 2029	Yes	Commissioner and facilitator, fulfilling chair, panel and sole adjudication and mediation assignments.

Māori Commissioners

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Chetham	Juliane	Chetham Consulting Limited	31 December 2028		Planning, environmental science, geography, coastal and marine ecology and management, Cultural Impact Assessment, Tikanga Māori, Mātauranga Māori.
Coffin	Antioine	Te Onewa Consultants	31 December 2029	Yes	Māori Resource Management, Cultural Heritage Management, Cultural Values/Impact Assessment, Treaty Settlements and Planning, Community Engagement.
Hunt	Bronwyn		31 December 2028		RM issues affecting Tāngata whenua, mātauranga Māori, iwi environmental management planning and policy, iwi engagement; local government policies and processes; iwi/hapū economic, social, environmental and cultural development.
Kake	Puawai	Kohu Strategy and Planning Limited	31 December 2026		Rural and Urban Planning, Māori Planning, Freshwater policy planning and monitoring, Policy and Plan Making, Infrastructure, engagement, papakāinga developments, and resource consents.
Proffit	Reginald	WSP New Zealand Limited	30 June 2030	Yes	Te Ao Māori and Māori Cultural Values; District/Regional Policy, Plans and Plan changes; Resource Consents: Discharges, Water, Land Use, Subdivision and Coastal; EEZ and Fast Track processes.
Tautari	Rowan	Te Whakapiko Hapū o Ngāti Manaia	31 December 2026		Historical heritage, whenua Māori, tikanga Māori, kaitiakitanga, He Whakaputanga me te Tiriti, regional plan development, freshwater, engagement with tangata whenua, climate change adaptation, post-graduate qualifications in history, and te reo Māori.
Taylor	Shelia	Te Huia Consulting	30 June 2028		Accounting, Business, financial and local government planning, Project Management, Māori Advisor.
Wikaira	Jade	Wikaira Consulting Limited	31 December 2027		Strategic Policy: RM reform policy consultant; Three Waters consultant Resource Management Planning: Reviews of regional policy statements; district plan reviews. Working with mana whenua, hapu, marae.

Councillors

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Carr	Joe	30 June 2027		
Crawford	Geoff	31 December 2026		
MacDonald	Amy	31 December 2028		
Shortland	Tui	30 June 2030		