

# Christina Sheard

## Partner



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## Overview

Christina is a partner in our Environment and Planning Team. She has a proven track record advising on resource management matters, with 20 years' experience in leading law firms in both Auckland and London.

She regularly advises industrial, commercial, residential and government clients on all aspects of the Resource Management Act and associated legislation, efficiently guiding them through the consenting process from the early stages of the business case phase through to resolution of appeals and compliance during the construction process. With a well-earned reputation for delivering pragmatic legal advice that avoids a heavily caveated, risk adverse approach, Christina provides valuable strategic guidance to project teams.

Through her experience consenting major infrastructure projects, such as transportation and energy generation projects, she has significant experience working collaboratively within large project teams. She also has a proven track record successfully negotiating agreements with stakeholders. Her specialist expertise in freshwater management includes developing effective adaptive management conditions.

Christina also has extensive experience with district and regional plan formulation, private plan change applications and legislative reform.

## Experience

- **NZ Transport Agency:** Advised on the NZD\$1 billion Northern Corridor Improvements project, including appearing at the Board of Inquiry, negotiating settlement of an appeal to the High Court, consenting of the Rosedale Bus Station and negotiation of stakeholder agreements.
- **NZ Transport Agency:** Represented the client at hearings for the Auckland Unitary Plan and subsequent High Court appeals and advised on the Thames-Coromandel District and Waikato District Plans.
- **Auckland Transport:** Advised on the notice of requirement for the Lincoln Road Corridor Improvements including appearing at the hearing and in relation to appeals to the Environment Court.
- **Harbour Hockey Charitable Trust:** Advised on the consenting of the new national hockey stadium including appearing at the Council hearing and settling appeals to the Environment Court.

- **Auckland Transport:** Advised on resource consents, including for reclamations, for the Tamaki Drive/Ngapipi Road intersection improvements, including appearing at the Council hearing.
- **NZ Transport Agency:** Represented the client in relation to alterations to the designations for the Longswamp section of the Waikato Expressway and the SH20B Short Term Improvements Project.
- **Airbnb:** Advised on submissions on various district plans including appeals on the Queenstown-Lakes District Plan.
- **Confidential client:** Advised an overseas company on the consenting requirements for the establishment of a major industrial plant.
- **Awakiriapa Bay Limited:** Represented a developer in relation to the subdivision of a coastal property on Waiheke Island including consents for a new boat ramp.

## Recognition

- *The Chambers and Partners Asia-Pacific* 2020 and 2021: Ranked Lawyer.
- *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* 2019: Recommended Lawyer.

## Insights

- Co-author, "Water, Water Everywhere and Not a Cow to be Seen," *Kensington Swan Newsflash*, November 12, 2019
- Co-author, "Targeted RMA Amendments," *Kensington Swan Newsflash*, October 9, 2019
- Co-author, "Action for Healthy Waterways - Essential Freshwater proposals announced," *Kensington Swan Newsflash*, September 9, 2019
- Co-author, "Fixing the 'Stuffed' housing market – the proposed NPS on Urban Development," *Kensington Swan Newsflash*, September 2, 2019
- Co-author, "Valuing highly productive land," *Kensington Swan Newsflash*, August 20, 2019
- Co-author, "RMA Reform – the race is on!," *Kensington Swan Newsflash*, July 26, 2019
- Co-author, "Climate emergency - Auckland Council's draft framework for change," *Kensington Swan Newsflash*, July 12, 2019
- Co-author, "Laying the foundations for NZ's housing and urban development authority," *Kensington Swan Newsflash*, June 14, 2019
- Co-author, "New Zealand's Zero Carbon Bill is finally here," *Kensington Swan Newsflash*, May 10, 2019
- Co-author, "Finally, a consistent approach to RMA plan making?," *Kensington Swan Newsflash*, April 16, 2019
- Co-author, "The New Zealand Infrastructure Commission / Te Waihanga – established with good intentions but will it deliver?," *Kensington Swan Newsflash*, April 15, 2019
- "Using the Power of People and Technology to Establish Smart Cities," *Resource Management Law Association*, August, 2018
- Co-author, "HUDA – Will Wider Powers Lead to Better Outcomes for Housing?," *Kensington Swan Newsflash*, December 8, 2018

# Activities and Affiliations

## Memberships

- Member, Resource Management Law Association
- Associate member, The New Zealand Planning Institute

## Prior and Present Employment

- Dentons Kensington Swan (formerly Kensington Swan), 2013-Present
- Russell McVeagh, 2005-2013

# Areas of focus

## Practices

- Environment and Natural Resources
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Real Estate

## Industry sectors

- Energy
- Transportation

# Education

- University of Auckland, 1996, MA (Hons), Planning Practice
- University of Canterbury, 1994, LLB

# Admissions and qualifications

- New Zealand, 1999