

Nicky McIndoe

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Overview

Nicky leads New Zealand's Environment and Planning team.

She has extensive experience advising national and local government agencies carrying out large infrastructure projects, such as roads, reservoirs, bridges, ferry terminals, wharves, hydro-electric power schemes, electricity transmission lines, wastewater treatment plants and landfills.

She works closely with planners, project managers, technical experts, and in-house counsel to develop consenting strategies, advise on their implementation, and prepare application documents. She is a skilled advocate, and represents clients in council hearings, boards of inquiry, the Environment Court, mediations, and the High Court.

Nicky also advises businesses and government on the development and interpretation of district and regional planning documents which regulate their activities. This includes the making of submissions, and representation in Environment Court appeals.

Nicky has a particular interest in heritage regulation, and advises New Zealand's heritage regulator Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, as well as clients such as the NZ Transport Agency, on the protection of heritage buildings and archaeological sites.

Experience

- **NZ Transport Agency:** Advised on major infrastructure projects including Transmission Gully, and the Auckland Northern Corridor Improvements project.
- **Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga:** Represented Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga in its successful appeal to oppose the demolition of McLean's Mansion in Christchurch.
- **Transpower New Zealand Limited:** Advised Transpower New Zealand Ltd on plan changes throughout New Zealand to give effect to the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission.
- **Wellington Water Limited:** Advised on consenting of the Prince of Wales/Omaroro Reservoir project and Pinehaven Stormwater Improvements project.

- **NZ Transport Agency:** Advised on development of the Auckland Unitary Plan and the Christchurch Replacement Plan.
- **Wellington City Council:** Advised on the extension of the Southern Landfill.

Recognition

- *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2021:* Awarded Leading Lawyer for Projects and Resource Management (including Environment).
- *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2021:* Awarded Recommended Lawyer for Transport (Rail, Road, and sea) and Projects and Resource Management (including Environment).
- *The Chambers Asia Pacific 2021:* Ranked Lawyer for Energy and Natural Resources.
- *The Chambers Asia Pacific 2020:* Ranked Lawyer.
- *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2019:* Awarded Leading Individual.

Insights

- 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, "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

Activities and Affiliations

Presentations

- Speaker, WasteMINZ Conference, 2019

Memberships

- Chair, The Wellington Committee for Women's Infrastructure Network NZ, 2018-2020
- Member, The Wellington Committee of the Resource Management Law Association

Prior and Present Employment

- Dentons Kensington Swan (formerly Kensington Swan), 2014-Present

- Chapman Tripp, 2006-2014
- Bond Pearce, 2004-2005
- Chapman Tripp, 1998-2003

Areas of focus

Practices

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

Industry sectors

- Transportation
- Energy
- Government

Issues and opportunities

- Environmental, social and governance

Education

- University of Otago, 1998, LLB, BA

Admissions and qualifications

- New Zealand, 1999