
CONFERENCE 2017



First Keynote Speaker Confirmed for June Conference

Planning for the conference, 22-24 June in Napier, is well underway with Dr Mohsen Kalantari from the University of Melbourne confirmed as a keynote speaker. Dr Kalantari has a distinguished career as a spatial data engineer, senior lecturer and Associate Director of the Centre for SDIs and Land Administration (CSDILA) at the University of Melbourne.

[Read more](#)

Call for Speakers

Potential speakers are invited to submit their presentation proposals to National Technical Committee representative (and NZIS Relationship Manager), Craig Smith. Topics, case studies or research topics should relate to the [conference theme](#).

Please forward your proposal or direct any questions to Craig: craig@surveyors.org.nz. Submissions for papers close **30 April 2017** and you will be notified by 15 May.



Sector Briefing for New Minister for Land Information

NZIS Council members have met with the new Minister of Land Information, Hon. Mark Mitchell providing a briefing on the sector. The briefing took place over two dates and was

a successful introduction to our profession for a Minister who is proactive and forward thinking.

The Minister along with Michael Appleyard from his office met with Simon Jellie (deputising for President Mark Allan), Craig Smith, NZIS Relationship Manager, Russell Turner, LINZ, Mark Nichols, Trimble and Hadyn Smith, NZIS CEO.

NZIS Ethics Committee - 2 Vacancies

We currently have 2 vacancies for the Ethics Committee. This is a rewarding role that is vital to the integrity of the surveying profession.

If you would like to participate in this committee along with your peers, please contact Hadyn Smith, CEO, hadynsmith@surveyors.org.nz for more information and a job description.

Calling for Members' Feedback - Urban Development Authorities Consultation

NZIS is preparing a submission on the Government's proposals for new legislation that would allow urban development projects of national or local significance to be built in a quicker timeframe. The government wants to establish a tool-kit of enabling powers that could be used to streamline and speed up large-scale projects that are already within urban areas, or sufficiently close to an urban area that it is likely to service that area in the future. An MBIE discussion document and accompanying regulatory impact statement is available [here](#).

If you have any feedback you'd like included in our submission, please email it to nzis@surveyors.org.nz by 22 April 2017.

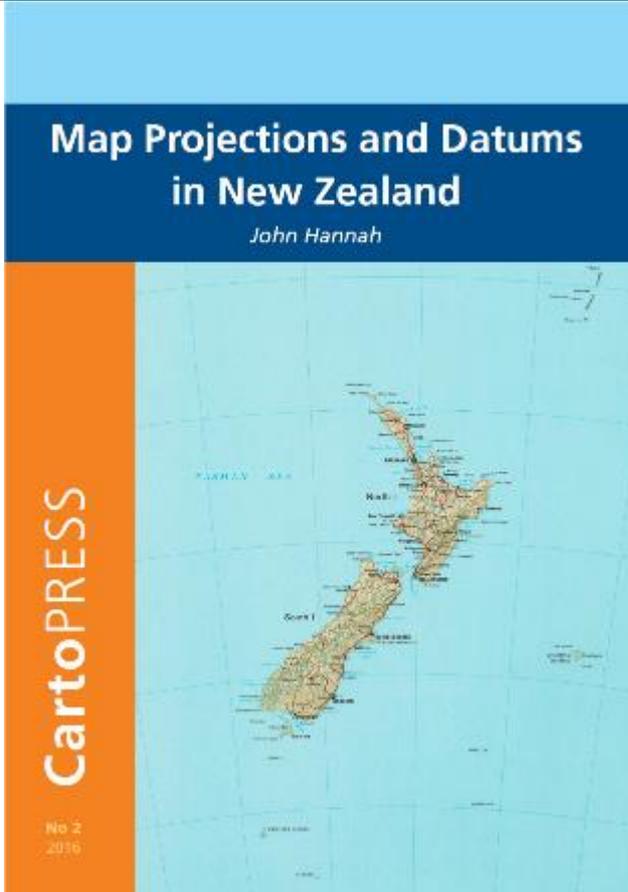
NZ Spatial Professionals Winners at the Asia Pacific Spatial Excellence Awards in Sydney.



Congratulations go to the 2016 NZ Spatial Excellence Award winners who were also awarded honours at APSEA held last week, Wednesday 5 April 2017 at the Sydney International Convention Centre. New Zealand did extremely well this year, with the NZSEA Supreme Award winner, Wellington City Council's *Living Lab* entry not only taking the Supreme Award at the 2016 New Zealand awards, but also winning the overall APSEA award for industry excellence and the People and Community Award. [Read more.](#)

NZ Map Projections Book published

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NZIS Leader's Guide Published

NZIS Leader's Guide is a complete overview designed to assist NZIS leaders of branches, streams, special interest groups (SIG) or divisions. The information assembled is based on past experience and new thinking and has been developed along with templates to be used for the tasks and actions believed to be most commonly required by our leaders.

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REGULAR FEATURES

Recent Case-Note Summaries

This month we report on seven court decisions covering diverse situations associated with subdivision, development and land use activities from around the country:

- A successful appeal against refusal by Auckland Transport to allow development of a site at Henderson that was partly affected by a designation for road widening;
- A High Court case relating to allocation of water in the Manawatu – Whanganui catchments for hydro-electricity generation;

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- An application for enforcement orders by Auckland Council against the owner of a property at Avondale who had cleared vegetation, undertaken earthworks and adversely affected land stability and stream drainage;
 - An appeal about potential re-development of a Cat. 1 Historic place – Erskine College at Island Bay, Wellington for the purpose of establishment of a Special Housing Area;
 - An appeal by Federated Farmers against award of costs against New Plymouth D.C. on an appeal by NZ Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society about omission of protection for outstanding natural areas in its district plan;
 - An unsuccessful appeal against grant of consent for construction of a walking and cycling path on the Auckland Harbour Bridge known as the Skypath;
 - An unsuccessful appeal by Eastbourne residents against a plan change introduced by Hutt City Council intended to increase protection for specific trees in the district plan.

[Read the full Case Notes.](#)

Website Article of Interest

[Little things matter - the value of good property due diligence](#) - Minter Elliston Rudd Watts



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