

## **Forum on Governance and Sustainability**

### **How can we link National, Regional and Local Sustainability Governance?**

- What are the roles of national, regional and local governance in sustainability?
- How can we include 100-year timeframes in political agendas?
- How can systems thinking be included in regulatory frameworks?
- How can we communicate the many facets of sustainability to the populace to get informed participation by all?
- In reality are governance issues ultimately decided on a financial basis?

**Friday, 15 September, 9am – 11am**

**Landcare, 261 Morrin Road, Glen Innes**

**This is the fourth forum of the NZSSES and is applicable to everyone as we all deal with levels of governance either professionally or in our every day activities. Governance or political organisations enable decisions to be implemented with the imperative to strengthen participatory engagement.**

***The AGM of NZSSES will be held at 8am at Landcare, before this Forum.  
We encourage members to attend.***

#### **NZSSES**

The New Zealand Society for Sustainability Engineering and Science is a learned society focused on achieving sustainability by identifying, understanding and accepting the responsibility for engineers and scientists to manage resources and ecosystems for both current and future generations.

The NZSSES is a Technical Interest Group of the Institution of Professional Engineers of New Zealand and a Constituent Organisation of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

#### **Sustainability Forums**

The NZSSES are planning to hold regular forums, aimed at exploring different engineering and science sectors, and their approach to sustainability. It is hoped that problems with understanding and implementing sustainability principles will be identified and discussed, from which the NZSSES will aim to facilitate research projects to further explore the issues and provide feedback to its members.

#### **Topics so far this year (2005/2006):**

- Local Government and Sustainability (June, 2005)
- Industry and Sustainability (September 2005)
- Consultants and Sustainability (May 2006)

The forums are run from 9:00 to 11:00am and comprise brief presentations from two guest speakers followed by a facilitated discussion afterwards. A summary and way forward is given at the end to help develop practical ways of improving the uptake of sustainability principles.

## Forum No 4: Governance and Sustainability – National, Regional and Local

### Details

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| <b>Date:</b>             | <b>Friday, 15 September, 9am – 11am</b>   |
| <b>Location:</b>         | <b>Landcare at East Tamaki Campus, 261 Morrin Road, Glen Innes.</b>   |
| <b>Forum Objectives:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How do we include effective sustainability governance at all levels?</li> <li>○ How do we link the different levels of governance?</li> <li>○ How do we strengthen participatory engagement?</li> <li>○ How do we include long-term systems thinking?</li> </ul> |

### Programme

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| <b>9am</b>      | <b>Welcome, outline of the forum and its objectives</b>  | <b>Carol Boyle</b><br>Chair, NZSSES  |
| <b>9:15am</b>   | <b>Presentations (20 mins each)</b><br><br><b>How do we build institutional capacity to support collective action and what might this mean for our institutional arrangements in New Zealand?</b><br><br><b>The START (Sustaining the Auckland Region Together) project, an opportunity for councils, central government and other stakeholders to work together to make Auckland sustainable over the next 100 years.</b> | Viv Heslop, practitioner and researcher, doctoral studies through School of Planning, University of Auckland,.<br><br>Member of the START Steering Group |
| <b>10 am</b>    | <b>Discussion, responding to objectives of the forum:</b>  | Facilitated Discussion / panel session   |
| <b>10:45 am</b> | <b>Summary and way forward</b>   | <b>Carol Boyle</b>   |
| <b>11am</b>     | <b>Finish</b>  |  |

### Registration / Information

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| <b>Fee</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Free for members of NZSSES</li> <li>○ \$20 non members</li> </ul>                      |
| <b>More information?</b> | <i>Contact any NZSSES committee member, Details on <a href="http://www.nzsses.auckland.ac.nz">www.nzsses.auckland.ac.nz</a></i> |
| <b>To Register</b>       | <i>Email to <a href="mailto:dbkettlelimited@slingshot.co.nz">dbkettlelimited@slingshot.co.nz</a></i>                            |