

## **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 quarterly 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)

Our two forums to date have provided a venue for discussion of issues surrounding sustainability. In future workshops and forums, we hope to address issues raised in the forums, to help develop practical ways of improving the uptake of sustainability principles.

#### **Third Forum (May 2006):**

- Consultants and Sustainability (Auckland and Christchurch)

### **What do clients want, and are consultants giving it to them?**

- Whose responsibility is it to drive for a sustainable outcome?
- What sort of skills and expertise are needed? – is ‘sustainability’ a specialist area?
- Who do we have to work with? Dealing with wider project teams.
- Should consultants consider sustainability as part of what they do, or as an ‘added extra’?
- Is thinking outside the square really practical?
- Do we practice what we preach?

**Our third forum is open to all involved in the consulting industry, either as clients or consultants, and involves a number of clients giving their views on the above questions, followed by a facilitated panel discussion.**

## Forum No 3: Consultants and Sustainability – What do clients want, and are consultants giving it to them?

### Details

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Auckland - Friday, May 19th, 9am – 11am</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Auckland – Landcare Research Tamaki Campus, Main Meeting Room</b>
<b>Forum Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Where does the drive for sustainability fit in the client/consultant relationship?</li> <li>○ What are clients looking for from consultants?</li> <li>○ Do clients and consultants really want more sustainable outcomes?</li> <li>○ What should consultants be doing to deliver more sustainable outcomes?</li> </ul>

### Programme

		<b>Auckland</b>
<b>9am</b>	<b>Welcome, outline of the forum and its objectives</b>	<b>Carol Boyle</b> Chair, NZSSES
<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Presentations</b>	Sally Garrett – General Manager, Business Services, Watercare Services Limited Jim Bradley – Senior Environmental Public Health Engineer, MWH
<b>10 am</b>	<b>Facilitated Discussion / panel session, responding to objectives of the forum:</b>	Facilitated by Kerry Griffiths, Sustainability Consultant, URS
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Summary and way forward</b>	<b>Carol Boyle</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>Finish</b>	

### Registration / Information

<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>	Contact any NZSSES committee member - Details on <a href="http://www.nzsses.org.nz">www.nzsses.org.nz</a>
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