

FRIDAY FORUM #26

Sustainability and the Spatial Plan for Auckland

Friday, 27 May 2011, 9am – 12 noon

The Old Choral Hall

University of Auckland (cnr Symonds and Alfred Streets)

Building 104, Room G53

With

Councillor Wayne Walker

Viv Heslop, Vivacity

John Mackay, Boffa Miskell

The aim of these Forums is firstly for the speakers to outline their viewpoint of the topic, and secondly, and perhaps more importantly, to provide the background information to resource what is hoped to be a stimulating and forthright discussion.

Speakers:

Wayne Walker, Auckland Councillor, Chair Environment and Sustainability Forum.

The new Auckland Council presents the opportunity for a comprehensive approach on making Auckland more sustainable. Wayne is Auckland Council's environmental champion, leading initiatives to reduce waste and divert resources into recycling/reuse/energy production, conserve water and energy, reduce sedimentation, improve air quality, reduce carbon emissions, environmental education programmes and Auckland's sustainability generally. The Auckland Plan (spacial), Long Term Plan (10 year budget), Waste Plan, and Unitary Plan (RMA) are important engagement opportunities currently underway. He will make the case for getting involved.

Viv Heslop, Director Vivacity Change Agency

Unleashing what?

Without a clear pathway to implementing Auckland Unleashed, will it just become another one of the fabulous strategic documents that Auckland prepares but whose potential is never realised through lack of commitment to making it happen? And more importantly, from Viv's perspective, will it actually deliver on the rhetoric of sustainability?

In answering these questions Viv will draw on both her research and planning practice experience to talk about the process of transitioning to sustainability and the how the spatial plan may or may not measure up.

Viv is an urban planner with a passion for sustainable development. She recently graduated with a PhD in Planning from The University of Auckland with the focus on her research being on the processes of institutional change required to transition to sustainable development. Through her work in the planning field over the past 15 years or so, Viv has become committed to the idea that we can and must change much of how we do things now in order to deliver on the promise and potential of sustainable development.

John Mackay, Principal & Urban Design and Development Specialist, Boffa Miskell

Centres - why and how are they vital to a sustainable city

22,000 people now live in the CBD, but Auckland's Growth Strategy has been less successful in promoting the intensification of other centres to achieve a sustainable urban structure with efficient travel patterns and more lifestyle choice. The capacity is theoretically there, so how can we make it easier to:

- Generate attractive, high-value building forms
- Persuade developers that they can make it stack up
- Create people places, rather than buildings amongst car parks
- Protect centres from out-of-centre retailing and office parks?

John joined Boffa Miskell four years ago after 30 years working in Auckland, London, Wellington and Christchurch - mainly in the public sector.

His work has ranged from designing and directing streetscape and town centre plans to strategic planning and District Plan development. He directed Waitakere City's Growth and Transport Integration Programme, which successfully carried through regional and district plan changes to achieve high-quality intensification around rail-based town centres and to create an intensive new 500ha growth corridor alongside the new motorway linking to the North Shore.

Since joining Boffa Miskell John has managed projects ranging from waterfront design to masterplanning and growth strategies. He was commissioned by the ARC as a "critical friend" to assist with the review of the Regional Growth Strategy and Regional Land Transport Strategy

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Programme –

9am	Welcome and introductions Dr Carol Boyle Chair, NZSSES	
9.10am	Dr Wayne Walker	
9.40am	Viv Heslop	
10.10am	John Mackay	
10.40am	Morning tea (20 minutes)	
11.00am 12 noon	Panel Discussion / Debate / Wrap up FINISH	

Registration / Information

Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This event is free courtesy of the members of NZSSES ○ Attendees are invited to become members of NZSSES
RSVPs essential	Email to vicky@nzsses.org.nz to register

Sustainability Forums

The NZSSES hold regular forums aimed at exploring different engineering and science sectors and their approach to sustainability. The forums are morning sessions and comprise brief presentations from guest speakers followed by a facilitated discussion.

It is intended that problems with understanding and implementing sustainability principles will be identified and discussed.

NZSSES

The New Zealand Society for Sustainability Engineering and Science is a Learned Society established to foster the discipline of sustainability engineering and science as the study of complex systems. NZSSES provides training and information sessions on sustainability through its workshops, seminars, forums and bi-annual international conferences.

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

Topics to date:

- *Forum #25 – Future of Buildings (March 2011)*
- *Forum #24 – Peak Oil – Is NZ ready? (Sept 2010)*
- *Forum #23 – Clean Tech, Green Tech and Sustainability Research (July 2010)*
- *Forum #22 – The Future of Food (Apr 2010)*
- *Forum #21 – The Future of Transport – Christchurch (Apr 2010)*
- *Forum #20 – Sustainable Water Supply for Auckland. (Feb 2010)*
- *Forum #19 – Conservation v Mining (October 09)*
- *Forum #18 – Sustainable Air Quality for Auckland (Sept09)*
- *Forum 16 – Auckland: Sustainable Transport (July 2009)*
- *Forum 15 – Auckland: Complexity, Innovation and Decision (May 2009)*
- *Forum 14 – Auckland: Municipal Three Waters (April 2009)*
- *Forum 13 – Christchurch: Blueprints for Sustainable Infrastructure Conference Papers (March 2009)*
- *Forum 12 – Auckland: Sustainable Housing (Sept 2008)*
- *Forum 11 – Christchurch: Strategies for Canterbury Water (Aug 2008)*
- *Forum 10: Auckland: Sustainable Electricity (July 08)*
- *Forum 9 - Auckland: Biofuels (May 2008)*
- *Forum 8 – Christchurch: Water: Supply and Storage (March 2008)*
- *Forum 7 – Auckland: Future thinking and Frontier Design (Feb 2008)*
- *Forum 6 – Auckland: Carbon Trading (Oct 2007)*
- *Forum 5 – Auckland: Sustainable Transport: Cars and Congestion (Aug 2007)*
- *Talking and Walking Sustainability Conference (Feb2007)*
- *Forum 4: Auckland: Governance and Sustainability (Sept. 2006)*
- *Forum 3 – Auckland: Consultants and Sustainability (May 2006)*