



# Resource Management Act 1991

## The Dark Art of Town Planning

### Programme overview

The Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) is one of the most important and complex pieces of legislation that local government is required to implement within communities. Elected members cannot avoid coming into contact with the RMA, whether they are accredited decision makers not. This interactive course has been designed to be an informative and invigorating session for elected members of all ranges of experience, from first termers, through to Accredited RMA commissioners.

From resource consents to plan making and variations, enforcement issues and complaints, gaining confidence around the RMA is one of the most important tools you can have.

In this workshop, you will discuss:

- › what the RMA is meant to do;
- › how it is implemented through policy documents;
- › how and where it touches elected members directly;
- › resource consents, plan changes, notification, the permitted baseline;
- › how to respond appropriately to residents with RMA queries;
- › the difference between your role as an elected member and a quasi-judicial decision maker;
- › basic terminology and traps for young players; and
- › difficulties, war stories, and tricks of the trade.

### Purpose

To learn the key elements of the RMA in respect to the planning framework that local government operates under and how to be able to effectively respond to RMA-related issues being raised by the community.

To be able to participate effectively and appropriately at a governance level when RMA matters are in front of you.

### Target audience

Elected members that are considering undertaking the accreditation programme to become a planning commissioner.

Elected members as decision makers and community representatives in respect to RMA related matters.

### Learning outcomes

By the end of this workshop you will be able to:

- › identify the key sections of the RMA;
- › explain the planning framework of the RMA as it relates to your council;
- › describe the resource consent process; and
- › identify best practice to respond to community issues that are RMA related.

### Workshop fees

\$625 per person, excl. GST

### Workshop timings

9am – 4:30pm