

# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT FOUNDATION COURSE

## Online Training using Microsoft Teams

15-18 August 2023

This is an online training course for designated officers and other relevant public health personnel undertaking activities in public health aspects of resource management. **This course would suit officers new to the Resource Management Act 1991.**

The course objectives are to train Health Protection Officers and Medical Officers of Health to:

- understand the key public health aspects of resource management;
- understand the timeline of planning legislation and possible future changes;
- meet their statutory obligations for public health under Crown funding agreements;
- effectively submit on and provide input into annual plans (including changes or variations), proposed policy statements and resource consent applications to reduce the potential adverse effects on the health of people and communities pursuant to the NZ Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and the Health Act 1956;
- apply the Local Government Act 2002 to improve, promote and protect public health including sanitary works assessments, Long Term Plans and other relevant sections of the Act, including legislation covering freshwater management.

**Attendees should have attended a Council or Environment Court resource consent hearing within the past year, if possible.**

### **AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE COURSE GRADUATES WILL HAVE AN APPRECIATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF:**

- The Resource Management Act – elements, principles and key things to note for PHUs
- Te Whatu Ora policies and expectations of PHUs
- How PHUs can engage in the RMA process
- RMA versus LGA – the differences in purpose, processes and intent
- Recent and proposed changes to RMA and LGA
- Accessing ESR's experts and advice services
- Structure of Plans, AEEs and National Planning Standards
- National Policy Statements – how they impact PHUs

- How to prepare an effective submission to a resource consent application, plan change or variation
- The role of expert witnesses and the part they play in supporting PHUs

### **THE COURSE WILL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:**

- RMA and LGA planning – how to influence decision makers
- Managing public health outcomes through resource management
- Influencing plan and policy development and the consent process under the RMA
- RMA and health
- Submissions on Plans, Plan Changes, etc
- Timeframes, Forms Regulations
- RMA processes – officer reports, evidence, negotiations, etc
- Expert witnesses
- Best practice guidance and Te Whatu Ora expectations
- Case studies and syndicate work

### **THE COURSE STRUCTURE WILL PROVIDE:**

A mix of plenary sessions with syndicate group work. It will be an intensive yet rewarding learning experience designed to improve practical skills.

### **REGISTRATIONS:**

Spaces are available for four persons from Auckland, three each from Wellington and Canterbury, and two each from the other regions. Please refer to the invitation letter relating to this course.

### **REGISTER NOW BY:**

Completing a course registration form and forwarding it to the Academic Administrator, Allison Graham, via:

- Post: SMS Training, P O Box 1364, Invercargill
- Ph: (03) 214 2375
- Email: [allison.graham@smsl.co.nz](mailto:allison.graham@smsl.co.nz)

**Registrations close on 21 July 2023.**

*This course is being run by Southern Monitoring Services Ltd.*

