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QUALIFICATIONS & POSITIONS HELD

MASTER OF SCIENCE

LUND UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN 2013
Environmental management and policy

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY 2009
Environmental studies and geography

BACHELOR OF LAW

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY 2007

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL STUDIES

COLLEGE OF LAW 2008
Admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the
New Zealand High Court

SENIOR PLANNER – RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Tess is an environmental planner with a focus on regional and science-based planning. Tess has 6 years' experience working in natural resource management, environmental law and planning, specialising in water quality and quantity, nutrient allocation, waste management and resource efficiency. Coming from an interdisciplinary background, Tess has a good understanding of scientific and technical concepts and how these are applied in a policy context. Tess has a keen eye for detail and enjoys finding solutions to complex problems. Tess builds and manages relationships with key stakeholders, including Councils, iwi and technical specialists, and works with a range of clients.

EXPERTISE

- Strong research and analytical skills
- Expert critical thinker who can quickly identify key issues and risk areas
- Experience in analysing and interpreting a range of qualitative and quantitative data
- A clear and open communication style
- Strong interpersonal skills executed with open mindedness and patience

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

SENIOR PLANNER – RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT

THE CATALYST GROUP

2020–present

SENIOR PLANNER / DIRECTOR

TD ENVIRONMENTAL

2017-2020

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT

JACOBS (NZ) LTD

2014-2016

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANT

**GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL
COUNCIL**

2014

STUDENT CONSULTANT

**IKEA – HOLLAND, SWEDEN &
CHINA**

2013

JUNIOR SOLICITOR

MINTER ELLISON RUDD WATTS

2008-2009

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Associate Member, New Zealand Planning Institute. 2020-
- Full Member, Environmental Institute of Australia and New Zealand. 2014-

SAMPLE PROJECTS

KAPITI COAST STORMWATER NETWORK UPGRADES

KAPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL 2017–

Preparing resource consent applications and consulting with key stakeholders in relation to ongoing upgrades to the Council’s stormwater network, including works in ecologically and culturally significant watercourses and ecological mitigation. Work includes consultation with GWRC, Tangata Whenua, the Department of Conservation and landowners.

NGARARA FARMS – WAIMEHA NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT AREA

MAYPOLE ENVIRONMENTAL LIMITED 2017-

Providing planning support through the Kapiti Coast District Council’s Proposed District Plan (PDP) process, including attending mediation, advising on potential solutions and preparing revised rules for inclusion in the PDP. Work has also involved preparing various resource consents for subdivision and residential / mixed use development on the site under both the operative and proposed consenting framework.

PLAN CHANGE SUPPORT AND CONSENTING UNDER PROPOSED WAIKATO
REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1 (HEALTHY RIVERS / WAI ORA)

PRIMARY SECTOR CLIENT 2017-2018

Providing planning support in relation to PPC1 for a significant pastoral farming and forestry enterprise in the region. Project included a comprehensive review of submissions on PPC1 to identify key themes, risks and issues relevant to the client’s interests; preparing the client’s global resource consent application under PPC1 for nitrogen discharges and progressive land use change; reviewing technical reports relating to nitrogen leaching inputs, farm environmental plans and adaptive management.

GLOBAL WATER TAKE CONSENTS

PRIMARY SECTOR CLIENTS / GROWERS, 2020

Preparing resource consent applications for global water take consents for two primary industry clients in the Gisborne Region pursuant to the Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan (TRMP). Applications involved combining ground and surface water consents across multiple sites to provide for a more efficient and effective water management and compliance system.

THE JOINT WASTE FUTURES PROJECT

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL / NAPIER CITY COUNCIL 2014-2016

Contributing towards the baseline assessment report and Detailed Business Case for various solid waste disposal and recovery options for Hastings District and Napier City Councils. Work included mapping waste streams across both districts and identifying options for improved waste management.