

ROB VAN VOORTHUYSEN

Rob has been the Director of van Voorthuysen Environmental Limited since July 2008.

Qualifications

Master of Public Policy (Distinction)

Victoria University of Wellington, 1992

Bachelor of Engineering (Agricultural - 1st Class Honours)

University of Canterbury, 1983

Management Diploma

New Zealand Institute of Management, 1989



Affiliations

Resource Management Law Association (Member)

Previous Employment History

Environmental Management Services Ltd

Director (July 1998 to June 2008)

Hawke's Bay Regional Council

Group Manager Environmental Management (August 1992 to July 1998)

Waikato Regional Council

Senior Planner (January 1990 to August 1992)

Department of Conservation

Senior Conservation Officer (April 1987 to January 1990)

Ministry of Works and Development

Assistant Engineer and Economic Analyst (December 1983 to March 1987)

Experience

Hearings Commissioner

Rob has acted as an Independent Commissioner in over 275 hearings and has served as Chairperson for over 180 of them.

Rob has completed the following Ministry for the Environment commissioner training courses:

- Making Good Decisions (excellent grade) in 2005
- Making Good Decisions Refresher Course in 2006
- Making Good Decisions Chairpersons course in 2008
- Making Good Decisions Chairs recertification course in 2013
- Making Good Decisions Chairs recertification course in 2017

Councils for whom Rob has acted are:

- Auckland Regional Council
- Bay of Plenty Regional Council
- Canterbury Regional Council
- Greater Wellington Regional Council
- Horizons Regional Council
- Horowhenua District Council
- Manawatu District Council
- Marlborough District Council
- Masterton District Council
- Napier City Council
- Northland Regional Council
- Palmerston North City Council
- Rangitikei District Council
- Ruapehu District Council
- Southland Regional Council
- South Wairarapa District Council
- Tasman District Council
- Tararua District Council
- Taranaki Regional Council
- Taupo District Council
- Waikato Regional Council
- Waitakere City Council
- Whanganui District Council
- Whakatane District Council

Activities covered in resource consent hearings include industrial discharges to land, water and air; surface water and groundwater takes; wastewater discharges to land and water; methyl bromide log fumigation; dairy and piggery discharges; harbour and lagoon dredging; earthworks; forestry harvesting; mangrove removal; marine farms; seawalls; flood control works; wharves and boat ramps; reclamations; wetland and land drainage works; lake restoration works; sediment traps; stream diversions; rat poison drops; herbicide spraying; crematoriums; landfills; clean fills; timber treatment plants; apartment buildings; heritage building alterations and demolitions; airport runway expansions, power transmission lines; geothermal power stations; retirement complexes, arterial roads and urban subdivisions.

Rob has also acted (or is currently acting) as a commissioner on hearings for regional policy statements, regional plans and district plan reviews and changes including:

- Bay of Plenty Regional Council's second generation Regional Coastal Environment Plan (independent chairperson)
- Bay of Plenty Regional Council's second generation RPS
- Canterbury Regional Council's Hurunui Waiarau River Regional Plan; Land and Water Regional Plan; Variation 1 (Selwyn Waihora); Variation 2 (Hinds/Ashburton); Plan Change 4 (Omnibus) and Plan Change 5 (nutrient management and Waitaki catchment) to the Land and Water Regional Plan
- City of Napier District Plan (independent chairperson)
- Horizons Regional Council's Proposed One Plan
- Horowhenua District Plan
- Proposed Regional Plan for Northland (independent chairperson)
- Southland Water and Land Regional Plan (independent chairperson)
- Tasman Resource Management Plan (independent chairperson)
- Wairarapa Combined District Plan (independent chairperson)
- West Coast Regional Policy Statement (independent chairperson)
- Whakatane District Plan

Policy Analysis and Planning

Rob specialises in regional council policy analysis and planning matters and has appeared before the Environment Court in an expert planning witness capacity for Horizons Regional Council and the Waikato Regional Council. He was the Waikato Regional Council's planning witness for the appeals hearings for Variation 5 (Lake Taupo nitrogen management), Variation 6 (water allocation) and the proposed (second generation) RPS. Rob was HBRC's expert planning witness for the Tukituki Catchment Proposal before the Board of Inquiry.

Rob is also currently providing plan drafting advice Waikato Regional Council (PC 1 - Healthy Rivers). He previously provided planning advice to Auckland Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council regarding aspects of water management.

Resource Consents

Rob is proficient in all aspects of the resource consents process, having acted predominantly as a reporting officer for councils (section 42A reporting) and occasionally as a planning consultant for applicants.

Management and Review

Rob has undertaken corporate and management reviews for a range of councils and private sector companies, including:

- Consents and compliance management
- Flood events
- SmartGrowth Strategy implementation