

PRESENTERS



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Heather heads the firm's local government and environment group in Auckland. She specialises in all areas of resource management and environmental law, with a particular focus on the development and implementation of district plans. This includes providing advice in the areas of strategic growth planning, management of the rural environment and natural resources, urban intensification, and subdivision. Heather also advises a range of clients on their responsibilities under the Resource Management Act. She has extensive advocacy experience and regularly appears on appeals under the Resource Management Act on resource consents and district plans in the Environment Court, as well as proceedings in the High Court.



Sarah Scott, Simpson Grierson, Christchurch

Sarah leads the firm's Christchurch based local government and environment team. Her primary area of practice involves advising on resource management and environmental law with a particular focus on strategic planning and policy, and large infrastructure and utilities projects. Sarah's area of practice covers a wide range of work that involves a variety of strategic planning and policy work, including a range of earthquake recovery planning matters. In particular she has been extensively involved in the Christchurch District Plan Review hearings, representing the Christchurch City Council, and now so for the hearings on the Queenstown Proposed District Plan. Sarah also advises on consenting issues, including obtaining land use consents for transmission lines, stormwater, transport and property development projects, pursuing concessions from the Department of Conservation for energy projects, direct referrals to the Environment Court and Board of Inquiry call-in, environmental liability and due diligence, and general litigation.

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