
REPORT 4
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**NEW ZEALAND PLANNING INSTITUTE AND PLANNING
INSTITUTE AUSTRALIA CONGRESS, GOLD COAST,
QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA, 2-5 APRIL 2006**

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on and to seek approval for up to two elected members to attend the “Imagine Impacts²” New Zealand Planning Institute and Planning Institute Australia Congress to be held at Gold Coast, Queensland in Australia, 2-5 April 2006.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Recommend that Council approve the attendance of up to two elected members at the “Imagine Impacts²” New Zealand Planning Institute and Planning Institute Australia Congress to be held at the Gold Coast, Queensland in Australia, 2-5 April 2006, and that the costs associated with attending the meeting be met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
3. *Note that there is a Positively Wellington Board Meeting scheduled on Monday 3 April 2006, a Strategy and Policy Committee Pre-Meeting session scheduled on Tuesday 4 April 2006 and an Elected Member Session scheduled for Wednesday 5 April 2006.*
4. *Note that a report back on the meeting will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in accordance with Council policy.*

3. Discussion

The congress will enable built environment professionals to come together to examine the challenges of and to exchange ideas for creating harmonious, vibrant communities. Issues of urban regeneration, adoption and innovation will be addressed through a range of workshops, including:

<p>Transport Integration Public transport and retail Land use transport integration Integrating adaptive transport systems into principal activity centres for socially diverse and dynamic city growth</p>
<p>Regional Planning Integrated regional planning The emergence of the Peri-urban area Integrated regional planning for social and physical renewal.</p>
<p>Water Macro and Micro innovations in water harvesting and sustainability Population ageing and its planning implications Impact of global business on global citizens and local cities.</p>
<p>Settlement Patterns Retail conflict resolution, “A paradigm shift in wastewater management in New Zealand Planning to meet Maori cultural values” Determining the sustainability of water resource development scenarios</p>
<p>Disaster Management/Bushfires/Earthquake/Tsunami Plan Tectonics II – City planning after an earthquake in Wellington Managing the landslide risk Land use planning and training responses to natural disaster</p>
<p>Healthy Cities and Belonging Evaluating a professional “Social Marketing” campaign Drawing children out on their perception of open space Imaging a healthy city: opportunities for planning to create environments for good health</p>
<p>Transport and Cities The "Impact" of "Friction" on integrated planning for corridors. Transport options for the city frame. Backtracking Auckland: The attempt to institute sustainable transport planning in New Zealand's largest city.</p>
<p>Legislation and Policy Governance Lessons learnt from developing and implementing an accredited training programme for resource management decision makers Things that Kiwis, Canetoads and Cockroaches can learn from each other Prescriptive or enabling state legislation for local Government land use planning</p>
<p>Metropolitan Planning Lessons from North American ‘best practice’ for Australian Metro planning Complex problems, codified solutions: When smart growth isn’t Borrowing for Griffin to lead sustainable planning for the 21st century</p>
<p>Development Assessment An emphasis on Streetscape Kogarah residential Design Guide 2005 Improving planning outcomes through better communication Sharing best practice in development assessment</p>

<p>Urban Design Image impacts Designing heritage - An overview of Urban Design Planning Issues relating to historic heritage in New Zealand. Towards 'Places for People' Melbourne 2014.</p>
<p>Tools and Technology The city of Melbourne's acoustic design resource An innovative landscape quality assessment methodology Place based indicators and planning support</p>
<p>Sustainability Legislation for sustainability: is it justifiable? Planning incentives for solar energy HabAus: A happily sustainable habitat for 70 Million Australians by 2070</p>
<p>Environmental Natural Resource Management Landscape prioritisation Natural resource management</p>
<p>Social Inclusion Impacts of Space and Place: Belonging, Identity and Culture. Development policy for diverse communities: An indigenous perspective to urban design.</p>
<p>Town Centre Planning Plan for a reinvigorated city centre Re-imagining the town centre The Living City Vision – A strong vision for the growth of central Canberra</p>
<p>Sub-Metro Planning Urban development as a tool for integrated surface water management Innovation in structure planning for Utopia The Government's role in the development WA and Queensland</p>
<p>Affordable housing Panel discussion on the National Framework for Action on Affordable Housing</p>
<p>Future of Profession Panel discussion on recruitment training and the standing of the profession.</p>

There will also be offsite tours held during the conference and attendees have the choice of the following locations

- Harbour Town & Helensvale
- Southbank Corporation
- Gold Coast High Rise

The attached information is copied from the New Zealand Planning Institute and Planning Institute Australia Congress website and provides information and details of speakers and topics.

3.1 Considerations

When deciding whether elected members should attend this conference, consideration should be given to:

- the cost; and
- the impact of attendance on the budget; and

- the other conferences elected members may wish to attend later in the financial year.

The total cost if two elected members are appointed is expected to be \$4848.58 and will be met from the conference budget.

The cost of attendance is broken down as follows:

Item	Cost (\$NZD)
Registration	\$2282.58
Accommodation	\$900.00
Return Airfares (Incl Taxes)	\$1666.00
Total	\$4848.58

The impact on the budget of two elected members attending this conference is outlined in Table One.

Table One:

	2005/2006 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees, accommodation and travel	\$34,000	¹ \$21,762.44	\$12,237.56
Impact of sending two elected members to the conference	\$4848.58	\$26,611.02	\$7388.98

4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether Council should approve the attendance of two elected members at the 'Imagine Impacts²' New Zealand Planning Institute and Planning Institute Australia Congress 2006.

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1. The attendance of 1 Councillor at the National Housing Conference at a cost of \$2823.00
 The attendance of two Councillors at the New Zealand Cycling Conference at a cost of \$500
 The attendance of 8 Councillors at the Urbanism Down Under conference at a cost of \$3500.00
 The attendance of 2 Councillors at the TRAFINZ conference at a cost of \$1380.00
 The attendance of 4 Councillors at the Local Government New Zealand conference at a cost of \$7980.00
 The attendance of 2 Councillors at the NZ Recreation Conference at a cost of \$1687.50
 The attendance of 1 Councillor at the UNESCO Combating Racism Conference in Bangkok, Thailand at a cost of \$3891.94