

Appendix 5 – Experience and Qualifications

Ben Rhodes

My full name is Benjamin James Rhodes. I hold the position of Planning Manager – South Island and Wellington at Harrison Grierson Consultants. I have been employed by Harrison Grierson for 16 months, prior to that I worked at Selwyn District Council for 15 years in various planning roles.

I hold the following qualifications: Bachelor of Resource Studies from Lincoln University. I am a Full Member of the New Zealand Planning Institute.

I have 18 years' experience as a resource management planner, working for local authorities and a multi-disciplinary consultancy. At Selwyn District Council I held a number of planning roles from 2007 to mid-2022, with the last position being Planning Manager. During this time, I processed resource consents, provided policy analysis, helped prepare structure plans, growth strategies, and processed private plan change requests and was involved in the DPR process at varying levels until mid-2022.

George Sariak

My full name is George Daniel Sariak. I hold the position of Senior Strategy Planner at Selwyn District Council. I have been employed by Selwyn District Council since February 2021.

I hold the following qualifications: Master of Science Spatial Planning with Sustainable Urban Design from the University of Dundee (2019) which is accredited by the Royal Town Planning Institute and Bachelor of Arts International Relations from Swansea University (2016). I am an associate of the New Zealand Planning Institute.

I have over 4 years' experience working in planning, resource management and policy both in New Zealand and the United Kingdom. I have held positions in local government, consultancies and in the renewable energy development sector. My most recent experience includes preparing and processing resource consent applications, statutory planning and policy preparation, policy analysis, submission writing and spatial planning processes.

Janice Carter

My full name is Janice Carter. I hold the position of Senior Associate at Barker and Associates, a position I have held since September 2019. I have been engaged by the Christchurch City Council to fulfil the position of its Council Officer for the GCSP.

I hold the qualifications of Bachelor of Science in Geology and Geography from the University of Canterbury and a Master of Science (Hons) (Resource Management) from the University of Canterbury and Lincoln College. I am a full member of the New Zealand Planning Institute.

I have been employed in planning roles in private consultancies and local government for approximately 30 years. My experience includes providing planning advice to central and local government and private developers. A large proportion of my work has involved regional and district plan drafting and policy analysis and preparing resource consent applications for a variety of developments. I also undertake work as an independent planning commissioner.

Rachel McClung

My full name is Rachel Sarah McClung. I have been employed by the Waimakariri District Council since June 2022 as a Principal Policy Planner within the Development Planning Unit Team.

I hold the qualifications of Bachelor of Science from Canterbury University (2000) and a Master of Science (Hons) (Resource Management) from Lincoln University (2002). I am a full member of the New Zealand Planning Institute (2010).

I have 21 years post-graduate experience working as a resource management planner and policy advisor in various positions for local government, a non-government organisation and consultancies, in both New Zealand and the United Kingdom. My work experience includes, amongst other tasks, policy research and reporting for plan changes to district plans, for both councils and private clients.

Tammy Phillips

My full name is Tamara (Tammy) Jane Phillips. I am a Senior Strategy Advisor at the Canterbury Regional Council, a position I have held since August 2022. Between November 2017 and August 2022, I was employed by the Regional Council as a Principal Planner.

I hold a Master's degree in Regional and Resource Planning from Otago University. I am an Intermediate member of the New Zealand Planning Institute.

I have over 17 years' experience in planning and strategy. My relevant experience includes drafting plan provisions, section 32 report writing, and preparing submissions on plan changes. Prior to joining the Regional Council, I worked as a local government planner in London. I was involved in the development of strategic planning policy and worked on a range of urban planning issues.