



Rowan Ashton

Professional Qualifications

BCom/LLB

Key Areas of Interest

Resource Management and Environmental law

Public and Local Government law



Rowan specialises in environmental and public law. After graduating from Auckland University, Rowan gained valuable litigation experience at a barristers' chambers, also specialising in environmental and public law.

Rowan has provided advice and representation to a range of private and public clients concerning natural resources, urban development, land development, plan policy, development contributions, events consents, biosecurity, fisheries, statutory powers, due diligence, and local government law.

Rowan has appeared at council hearings and as in cases before the Environment Court and High Court in relation to resource consents, plan reviews, plan changes, enforcement and judicial review.

Recent assignments include:

- Representing private and institutional clients in relation to the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan before the Independent Hearings Panel, and on appeal to the Environment Court and High Court;
- Acting for the Northland Regional Council on appeals regarding plans made under the Biosecurity Act 1993;
- Acting for a land development company on appeals of the Proposed Thames Coromandel District Plan;
- Acting for Iwi concerning judicial review of extensions to water permits;
- Assisting with environmental due diligence on the acquisition of an energy company;
- Assisting with publically notified consent hearing for a Queenstown hotel development;
- Assisting Water New Zealand with participation in the Havelock North Drinking Water Inquiry;



- Advising fishing interests concerning jurisdiction under the Resource Management Act 1991 to control fisheries resources;
- Assisting both applicants and opponents involved in special housing area plan variation and qualifying development applications.

Rowan is a member of the Resource Management Law Association (RMLA). Rowan presents regularly presents case law updates for the New Zealand Planning Institute.