

# National Advisory Group for Integrated Planning (NAGIP)

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## Notes from Meeting on 5 October 2012 (MfE, Wellington)

**Present:** David Hermans (MfE), Yvonne Weeber (MfE), Robert Deakin (LINZ), Melanie Thornton (Greater Wellington), David Clelland (Auckland Council), Marjan van den Belt (Massey), Judy Lawrence (VUW), Beat Huser (WRC), Hedwig van Delden (RIKS), David Silvester (NZTA), Paula Vincent (MPI)

**Apologies:** Stephen Oakley (SNZ), Urlwyn Trebilco (WRC), Jacques Poot (NIDEA), Julia Forsyth (WCC), Clare Wooding (LGNZ)

**Chair:** David Hermans

## Purpose of Meeting

Purpose of NAGIP is to provide direction (good practice) and coordination for development and application of systems to support integrated planning; whereby:

- Systems: data management, GIS/models, DSS, open data/data catalogues, standards/protocols, interoperability etc
- Integration: spatial (e.g. land/water); within and between organisations; central/local government; legislations (e.g. RMA/LGA/LTMA); environment/economy/people (well-beings).

## Introduction

- David Hermans (MfE) welcomed attendees and introduced the meeting
- Minutes from 10 February NAGIP meeting were summarised and agreed to

## Hedwig van Delden (RIKS)

- Hedwig van Delden, Director of the [Research Institute for Knowledge Systems](#) (RIKS) in the Netherlands, gave a comprehensive presentation and facilitated discussion on the role and work of RIKS.
- Some key points from the discussion included:
  - Land-use change is dynamic, complex and self-organising but planners can have a decisive influence
  - The software tools RIKS creates support planners and policy makers by allowing them to assess and analyse the impacts of future policy decisions — the tools do not replace decision-making
  - Important for users and participants to understand the purpose (as above) and limitations of the modelling
  - RIKS focuses on simulation models in which there is no one optimal future, but many possible futures (using probability mapping)
- Hedwig's presentation is available here [insert link when available]

- Key focus is on model integration (using existing models across multiple domains) and on user support and feedback.

## **Sustainable Pathway II (SP2)**

- Marjan van den Belt (Massey University) gave an update on Sustainable Pathways II — integrating state-of-the-art research with policy to enable better decisions in Spatial Planning.
- The presentation covered:
  - The use of modelling tools to support planning and adaptive management
  - Mediated modelling workshops in Wellington and Auckland
  - The Online Directory for Integrated Decision Support Systems (Envirolink funded project) available at <http://tools.envirolink.govt.nz/> and completing in December 2012.
  - The Applied Ecological economics paper offered by Ecological Economics Research New Zealand based at Massey University
- NAGIP members were encouraged to explore and provide feedback on the Online Directory for Integrated Decision Support Systems.
- Marjan's presentation is available [here](#)

## **Auckland Council Update**

- David Clelland, Manager Spatial and Infrastructure Strategy, Auckland Council, gave an update on Auckland Council's progress in implementing the Auckland (Spatial) Plan.
- David's presentation focused on the following elements of the Auckland Council's task:
  - Greenfield investigations — exploring options for the location of the 'Rural-Urban Boundary' (the thirty-year limit to urban growth), with an initial focus on the southern areas
  - Unitary Plan alignment — the need for significant rezoning and upzoning means communities are now having to start grappling with the 'spatial realities' of the Development Strategy, and this will need to be tackled through local area spatial planning and other (mediated) mechanisms
  - Other major projects (City Centre, waterfront, Southern Initiative, Tamaki)
  - There is a need to align existing systems within the Auckland Council to support the delivery of the Auckland Plan
- David's presentation is available [here](#)

## **Next Meeting**

The Auckland Council agreed to host the next meeting, for early 2013 (~March) and it was agreed that the meeting should be an all-day event.