



## a dedicated environmental law firm



North South Environmental Law is a specialist environmental law firm providing a broad range of legal services for individual and corporate clients in the environmental and local government areas.

Founding directors Robert Makgill and Katia Fraser, both highly experienced environmental lawyers, established the company to deliver exceptional services to clients in this rapidly growing field.

North South Environmental Law has offices in Auckland and Queenstown,

and is the only specialist environmental law practice of its kind in both the North and South Islands.

The team's comprehensive experience spans all areas of environmental law and every aspect of the resource management and development process.

Katia and Robert have, in recent years, both acted for some of New Zealand's largest corporates. Not only have they represented applicants, but they have also advised local authorities and central government.

This depth of understanding is of major benefit to clients and distinguishes Katia and Robert as experts in their field.

As a specialist firm, North South Environmental Law believes that all its clients deserve the attentive and rigorous dedication of one of the firm's directors. This very personal service gives a deeper understanding of each client's unique legal position and challenges, and enables the firm to deliver excellent results.

*" Establishing North South Environmental Law is a response to the increasingly sophisticated laws that seek to manage our environment. Given the state of our environment and the demand on its resources those laws will only become more pervasive. We like to simplify the legal process by working with our clients to achieve commercially practical results "* Robert Makgill

To achieve our vision North South Environmental Law delivers sound, clear practical advice which provides our clients with efficient and effective solutions.





## katia fraser


LLB(Hons), BSocSc(Hons)  
BARRISTER & SOLICITOR



Katia is a North South Environmental Law director experienced in public law, local government and resource management law. Her 15 years working in the environmental law teams at Bell Gully, Simpson Grierson and Chen Palmer has enabled Katia to develop specialist skills in environmental due diligence and auditing, all aspects of planning procedures and resource consents, and environmental dispute resolution. A trained LEADR mediator, Katia is also a fluent French speaker.

Katia specialises in:

- Applications for, and submissions on, resource consents and supporting and opposing district/regional plan matters
- Preparation of agreements relating to environmental and liability issues
- Advising on compliance issues under environmental legislation
- Carrying out environmental assessments and advising on health, safety and environmental audits
- Appearances before local authorities and the Environment Court
- Lobbying central government to obtain legislative changes and making submissions before select committees
- Advising on climate change issues
- Providing liquor licensing advice

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## robert makgill


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Robert is a North South Environmental Law director. He is the firm's principal litigator and specialises in resource management, environmental and local government law. Robert has acted for a wide range of clients including listed companies, property developers, network utility operators and local authorities. In 2005 Robert was awarded a doctoral scholarship at the Ghent School of Public International Law, Belgium.

Robert's areas of expertise are:

- Applications for, and submissions on, resource consents
- Preparation of district and regional plans, policy statements and submissions on plan changes
- Designations and applications for requiring authority status
- Land and coastal development, infrastructure, water rights, energy, mining and tourism
- Advice on all aspects of environmental and local government law
- Land acquisition and disposal under the Public Works Act
- Compliance, due diligence and liability issues
- Judicial review of administrative decision-making before the High Court
- Appearances before local authorities, Boards of Inquiry and the Environment Court

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