

FOREWORD

The year 2000 issue of the Journal identifies in the contributions many topical areas of environmental law. The major issues relating to biodiversity and indigenous peoples are well identified in the article by Alexander Gillespie. Rachel Parr considers the ongoing endeavours to combat global warming and climate change following the Kyoto Protocol. The differing philosophical understandings of the natural world among the Western and indigenous cultures are analysed and synoptically compared by Ulrich Klein. Grant Hewison delineates a recent practice of local authorities to enter agreements of recognition with Maori. Rhoanna Stanhope assesses a comparison of sustainable development objectives between New Zealand and the Netherlands. Stephanie Turner details practical matters of coastal management compensation. The traditional obligation imposed on land developers to make a financial contribution is subjected to a principled study by Professor Malcolm Grant. In the Forum section, the challenge to achieve environmental equity and the reality of existing practices based on monetary valuations are debated by Sharon Beder. The essential meaning of sustainable management in the Resource Management Act 1991 is the subject of the discourse by John Milligan. Finally, two legislation notes round off the contents.

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