

## Books received

[Many books have been published in 2008 on environmental law or related topics. Those noted below represent a small selection. *Ed*]

Klaus Bosselmann, Ron Engel and Prue Taylor, *Governance for Sustainability — Issues, Challenges, Successes*, IUCN Environmental Policy and Law Paper No 70, IUCN, Germany, 2008, 260 pages.

The publication considers governance for sustainability, the covenantal foundations of governance for the community of life, challenges and successes. Part B includes 19 case studies written by contributors from different countries. A global perspective is elucidated in the evaluations of the respective contributors.

Klaus Bosselmann, *The Principle of Sustainability — Transforming Law and Governance*, Ashgate, UK, 2008, 242 pages.

The text written by Professor Bosselmann of The University of Auckland investigates how sustainability informs the universal principles used in domestic and international law. It advocates the acceptance of sustainability as a recognised legal principle which could be applied to the entire legal system rather than just environmental law and regardless of its international or domestic levels.

Edward Christie, *Finding Solutions for Environmental Conflicts, Power and Negotiation*, Edward Elgar, UK, 2008, 335 pages.

The author is a Barrister and Mediator of the Queensland Bar, Australia. The text addresses the growth of environmental law, principles and concepts, matters of public interest and participation, and the approaches available in finding consensual agreement which may integrate law, science, and alternative dispute resolution. The book provides information and guidance on a cross-disciplinary approach using ADR processes, and will appeal to not only professionals but also indigenous communities and environmental groups. It adopts an international perspective in the information provided.

Niki Harré and Quentin D Atkinson (eds), *Carbon Neutral by 2020 — How New Zealanders can tackle climate change*, Craig Potton, Wellington, NZ, 2007, 308 pages.

A joint “Introduction” by the editors is followed by two contributions: “New Zealand’s carbon crisis” (Quentin Atkinson) and “The psychological challenge of climate change” (Niki Harré). The text then comprises 14 contributions by other authors. The topics cover a range of activities and issues including the role of schools, home renovation, carbon neutral transport, computing away climate change, deep organics, sustainable design, the role of ethics of climate change strategies, responsible investing, sustainable business challenge, and political activism and carbon neutrality. The text offers ideas and inspiration.

Derek Nolan, *Environmental and Resource Management Law*, LexisNexis, 2008, looseleaf.

The looseleaf publication is an updated version of a hard copy text published in 2005. The text deals essentially with resource management law in New Zealand. It comprises an expanded 20 chapters, with contributions by 17 specialist authors. The text is not an annotation of the statutes, but a full descriptive and analytical legal textbook. Being in looseleaf form (and available electronically) it will continue to be updated on a regular basis.

Helle Anker, Birgitte Olsen and Anita Ronne (eds), *Legal Systems and Wind Energy — A Comparative Perspective*, DJOF Publishing, Copenhagen, 2008, 357 pages.

Wind energy as a comparative energy source attracts considerable interest in the climate change debate. Wind energy development faces legal and regulatory challenges. The book provides an insight into the legal frameworks in Denmark, New Zealand, Norway, and the United States. It comprises 11 chapters written by 14 senior academic contributors. The New Zealand contributors comprise Professor Barry Barton and Associate Professor David Grinlinton.