

3. NEW ZEALAND PLANNING INSTITUTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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The purpose of this report is to seek two nominations from the Council to attend the forthcoming New Zealand Planning Institute Annual Conference, which will be held in Invercargill from 5 - 7 May 2004.

BACKGROUND

This year's conference offers a choice of three workshops (details attached), a choice of day excursions and a session for elected representatives with Judge Smith of the Environment Court to discuss issues which are of particular interest to them.

The full conference programme can be viewed at www.nzplanning.co.nz. The registration closing date is 19 March 2004. Two positions for elected members have been pre-booked.

The approximate conference costs per person are as follows;

Full conference registration	\$630	(\$565 for NZPI members)
Airfares (full return)	\$486	
3 nights accommodation	\$330	
Mobile workshops	\$90	
Meridian conference dinner	\$80	
Total	<u>\$1,616</u>	

Recommendation: That two Councillors be selected to attend the New Zealand Planning Institute Annual Conference in Invercargill from 5 - 7 May 2004.