

Profile

Jeff is an experienced and highly qualified researcher and public policy analyst with a wide background in both European Union, and New Zealand central and local government levels. He has particular strengths in New Zealand and European environmental science and policy, and local government. Jeff thinks strategically, while remaining practical in application.

Experience

June 2003 to present

Principal, Jeffrey McNeill Public Policy Analyst *Palmerston North*

Providing public policy analysis consultancy and contracting to central and local government. Work includes providing analyses and advice, drafting Cabinet papers, reports, resource consents and peer reviews.

Recent Clients include:

- MAF Policy
- Auckland Regional Council
- Waikato Local Authorities Shared Services
- Horizons Regional Council
- PowerCo
- Ministry of Economic Development
- Dept. of Internal Affairs, Local Government Policy Section

Academic affiliations:

- **Senior Researcher**, Local Futures Local Government Research Programme, School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington (FoRST funded research programme)

From October 2008 to present

Senior lecturer, Resource & Environmental Planning Programme, School of People, Environment & Planning, Massey University *Palmerston North*

November 1996 - June 2003:

Environmental Resource Policy and Information Manager, Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council, Palmerston North

December 1992- October 1996:

Special Projects Officer, Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council, Palmerston North

February 1990 to November 1992

Senior Environmental Planner, Waikato Regional Council, Hamilton

April 1988 to January 1990

Policy Analyst - Ministry for the Environment, Wellington

September 1987 to March 1988

Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment, Parliamentary Services, Wellington.

December 1986 to August 1987

Investigating Officer, Ministry for the Environment, Wellington.

November 1985 to November 1986

Assistant Investigating Officer, Commission for the Environment, Wellington.

Education

Tertiary

- PhD in Politics 2008 Massey University, Palmerston North
 - Master of Public Policy (with Distinction) 1994 Victoria University, Wellington
 - MA (Hons.) in Geography 1981 University of Canterbury, Christchurch
 - BA in Geography 1980 University of Canterbury, Christchurch
 - Diploma in Teaching 1982 Christchurch Teachers College
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Recent research

Doctoral research, 2003-2008, researching the role of regional government using environmental management as a case study.

Senior Researcher, 2005-2008, Local Futures Local Government Research Programme, School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington, FoRST funded research on local government strategic planning under the Local Government Act 2002.

Stagiaire, 2004, European Parliament, Brussels, under NZ Centre for Research on Europe programme, *University of Canterbury*. Located with MEP, and Environment Secretariat, DG II, each for six weeks. Researching multi-level governance and political decision-making on technical matters.

Language

- German to standard required for working in Germany. (*Deutsch als Fremdsprache Zertifikat*, Goethe Institut, 1986).
 - French to a standard that I am able to carry out daily activities in France and Belgium
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Selected Written Work

Peer reviewed papers

Bramley, M., & McNeill, J. K. (2009). Up the River and Down the Creek: in-stream ecological values and property rights under the RMA, *NZCEL Conference: Property Rights and Sustainability* Auckland: New Zealand Centre for Environmental Law.

McNeill, J., Reid, M. & C. Scott (2008), Planning the future: New Zealand communities, local governments and Long Term Community Council Plans *Conf. Proc Governments & Communities in Partnership* (Melbourne: Centre for Public Policy) (submitted).

McNeill, J. & J. Holland (2007), *How low can you go? Perceptions of New Zealand's multi-layer environmental governance*, NZPI Conf., Palmerston North.

McNeill, J. & C. Scott (2006), Community Strategic Planning and the Pursuit of Whole of Government Outcomes, *Conf. Proc Governments & Communities in Partnership* (Melbourne: Centre for Public Policy).

Reid, M.; Scott, C. & J. McNeill (2006), Strategic Planning Under the Local Government Act 2002: Towards Collaboration or Compliance? *Policy Quarterly*, 2,(2), 18-26.

McNeill, J. (2005) Politics and technical complexity: the European Parliament and the F-Gas Directive, *Asia-Pacific Journal of EU Studies*, 3, 1.

Other

Local Futures Research Project (in press), *Strategic Planning under the Local Government Act 2002: Theory and Practice*. (Institute of Policy Studies: Wellington).

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. (2009). *Meat: The Future - Opportunities and challenges for the New Zealand sheep meat and beef sector over the next 10 to 15 years*. Wellington: MAF. [Lead researcher]

McNeill, J. (2008), *The Public Value of Regional Government: how New Zealand's regional councils manage the environment*. PhD. Thesis, (Massey University: Wellington).

Local Futures Research Project (2006), *Local Government, Strategy and Communities* (Institute of Policy Studies: Wellington).

McNeill, J., (2004), *The European Parliament's ENVI Committee: Assessing Performance*, Internal Report for DGII, European Parliament, Brussels.

McNeill, J., (2004), Book Review: Ecological Context of Development, *Aus. Jl. Env. Mgt.*, 11, 179-180.

McNeill, J., (2004), *Taking the Pulse – Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Profile* (Horizons Regional Council: Palmerston North).

McNeill, J. (2003), A Skeptical Environmentalist: "Measuring the Real State of the World", *RMLA Journal* 11 (3) 7-8.

Young, D., & J. McNeill (eds), (1999), *Measures of a Changing Landscape: State of the Environment Report Manawatu-Wanganui Region 1999*. (horizons.mw: Palmerston North).