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Profile

Urban planning graduate from the University of Auckland, with academic experience applying the Auckland Unitary Plan and the RMA to consent applications, and tracing policy decisions through legislation and official records. More than four years of customer-facing work coordinating customers, technicians and management.

Education

Bachelor of Urban Planning (Honours), University of Auckland

2022–2026

- Coursework and dissertation complete; awaiting conferral
- GPA 7.0 out of 9 for 2022–2026 courses; A-range grades in 25 courses
- Māori planning: Te Tiriti o Waitangi, with a focus on tino rangatiratanga

Planning and research projects

Consent report: 71 Jutland Road, Hauraki

URBPLAN 735 Resource Consents, 2026. Individual, grade A

- Council-style report and decision on a combined land use and subdivision application for four three-storey dwellings on a 759 m² Mixed Housing Suburban site
- Found and corrected an error in the applicant's AEE using the engineering plans
- Applied the section 95A to 95G notification tests, and drafted conditions and consent notices using a development engineer's memo

Honours dissertation: Auckland's speed-limit reversals

URBPLAN 757 Research Project, 2026. Grade A

- Traced decisions through legislation, OIA records, statutory classifications and road schedules
- Kept an Excel source register to cross-check definitions that did not match between official records

Assessment of Environmental Effects: 20 Sovereign Place, Glenfield

URBPLAN 735 Resource Consents, 2026. Individual, grade A

- 27-page AEE for demolition, three dwellings and subdivision on a 675 m² site, covering Auckland Unitary Plan controls, effects on neighbours and notification

Grey Lynn Spatial Framework and Development Plan

URBPLAN 714 Plan Making Studio, 2026. Group of five, grade A

- Plan-wide framework and five sub-areas with zoning and development rules; followed up individually with an essay on RMA reform and plan-making

Other projects

- Rewiring Highland Park (2026): 19-page staged transport strategy with safety and accessibility audits
- Hono Wai, AF Thomas Park (2025): masterplan for about 3,300 proposed homes near Smales Farm station
- Panmure (2024): development feasibility tested against planning controls

Employment

Retail Assistant, Mobie, Newmarket

Aug 2022 – Oct 2026

- Coordinated repair bookings, communication and escalations between customers, technicians, management and online sales
- Investigated cash-up and stock discrepancies by cross-checking transaction and stock records
- Wrote, trialled and updated a staff operations manual that was adopted for onboarding new staff

Sales Assistant, Mitre 10 MEGA Botany

Nov 2021 – Aug 2022

Skills and tools

Planning

- Auckland Unitary Plan rules, RMA effects and notification reasoning, Te Tiriti o Waitangi in planning, policy and spatial analysis

Tools

- ArcGIS (academic use), Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop; CityEngine, AutoCAD and SketchUp at a working level
- Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, Excel (working level), Google Workspace
- Confident, regular presenter

New Zealand citizen. Full New Zealand driver licence. Professional and academic referees available on request.