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Competencies

- Effective impact and influencing abilities.
- Persuasive and co-operative.
- Able to communicate appropriately at different levels.
- Able to grasp, develop and promote concepts.
- Able to think and operate at a strategic level
- Aware of organisational direction and able to build matching strategic direction.
- Balance of pragmatism with perfection in achieving prioritised requirements.
- Well-developed interpersonal and human resource skills.

Employment History

Foundation for Research Science & Technology

October 2001 – January 2010

During my time with the Foundation I have been involved in investment strategy and management primarily in the energy, hazards, infrastructure, water, environment and Antarctic areas. I have been involved in a number of Investment Processes at a range of levels from providing advice at a proposal level through to making funding recommendations and negotiating contracts. I have also been responsible for developing the Foundation's investment strategies and priorities in the energy, infrastructure, hazards, Antarctic and environmental areas. Through these processes I have developed strong networks and depth of knowledge in these sectors.

Major achievements

- Design and implementation of the Low Carbon Energy technologies Fund.
- Leading the team that negotiated the natural Hazards Research Platform (hazards platform). The hazards platform is the Foundations single

largest contract (\$140M) and its members include 2 Crown Research Institutes, 3 Universities and a private research organisation.

- Strengthened Foundation relationships in relevant portfolio areas with Ministries for Economic Development, Civil Defence and Emergency Management, Environment, and Fisheries; and in regional and local government.
 - Redesign and management of strategy and investment processes for Foundation's energy and infrastructure investments to give bring a greater strategic focus to the Foundation's portfolio.
 - Strengthening of relationship with NZT&E, particularly in the biofuels area to ensure a coordinated approach for businesses.
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Ministry for the Environment January 98 – October 2001

Policy Analyst – Standards and Indicators and Land and Water Groups

I worked in two major areas while at Ministry for the Environment, water management and Environmental Performance Indicators. Duties performed included strategic development of freshwater quality and quantity environmental performance indicators, production of technical reports and guidelines, establishment and maintenance of project working groups, and preparing and participating in internal and external workshops and domestic and international conferences. During the course of this work I established a wide network of contacts in the water sector and regional councils and central government, which I have maintained and expanded since joining the Foundation. I also gained valuable experience integrating the environmental requirements of the RMA with the practicalities of providing infrastructure and services to meet the economic and social goals of society. This was principally achieved through providing technical comments for Ministry for the Environment submissions on regional and district plans, and participating in facilitation processes between the Ministry, councils and industry.

Major achievements

- Awarded 1999 Link Foundation and Anglian Water Fellowship. The fellowship comprised a £5000 grant and support from Anglian Water International in the UK for an eight-week study tour of the UK to focus on a water and environment issue. I used the fellowship to study riparian assessment and management; and river restoration with an emphasis on improved biodiversity and the controlling of non-point source pollution.
 - Developed and implemented a strategy to revise the New Zealand Lake Managers Handbook.
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- Part of the team that took the River Environment Classification from concept to widely used platform for organising and interpreting river science and information.
- In conjunction with the chair of the Limnological Society established the “Links in Limnology” programme designed to encourage more interaction between researchers, regional council scientists, planners and other end users.

Advisory boards and review memberships

- Board Member Victoria University Antarctic Research Centre; 2007 – 2009 (December)
- Member of Earthquake Commission Biennial Research Grant Reference Group; 2009
- Member NZ Transport Agency Research Grant Reference Group; 2008, 2009
- Member Antarctica New Zealand & FRST Antarctic Strategy review Steering Group; 2008 – 2009
- Member international review panel for Antarctica New Zealand science review; 2004
- Member NIWA Water Resources Advisory 2004 – 2008

Education

Victoria University of Wellington

1994 - 1997

Bachelor of Science (Honours) 1st Class

Scholarships and Awards

Anglian Water – Link Foundation Fellowship

1999

Gwendoline Josephine Hurst Memorial Prize

1997

(Victoria University of Wellington top student in Geography)
