

The RPS PC1 Panel:

Part 1, Schedule 1 (P1S1) Hearings Panel Members:	Freshwater Planning Process (FPP) Hearings Panel Members:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dhilum Nightingale (Chair) • Ina Kara-France • Glenice Paine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Thompson - (Chair) and Freshwater Commissioner • Gillian Wratt - Freshwater Commissioner • Ina Kara-France - Panel member (Council nominee) • Glenice Paine - Panel member (Tangata whenua nominee)

Dhilum Nightingale

Part 1, Scheduling 1 Panel Chair



Dhilum is a Barrister in Kate Sheppard Chambers specialising in resource management law. She has a planning degree and is a Chair endorsed RMA Hearings Commissioner. She has worked in environmental law for 20 years in both the public and private sector including for seven years for a State Owned Enterprise where she was involved in policy change proposals throughout Aotearoa aimed at implementing RMA national direction. Dhilum represents a range of clients on both policy and consenting matters and her legal practice also includes employment and humanitarian immigration law. Dhilum is of Sri Lankan heritage and was born in Tāmaki Makaurau but has lived in Te-Whanganui-a-Tara for 25 years. Her three teenage children all attend high schools in Pōneke.

Craig Thompson

Freshwater Planning Process Panel Chair



Judge Thompson practised in Wellington and Blenheim from 1974 until being appointed Crown Counsel in the Crown Law Office in 1983. In 1985, he was made Deputy Solicitor-General for New Zealand.

He was a member of the legislation advisory committee from its inception in 1986 until he was appointed as a District Court judge in 1992. He was appointed as an alternate Environment Court judge in 2001, becoming a full-time Environment Court judge in August 2003.

Judge Thompson has been re-appointed as Freshwater Commissioner for term of four years, ending on 31 December 2026.

Glenice Paine - Part 1, Schedule 1 and, Freshwater Planning Process, Panel Member



Glenice was appointed to the Environment Court as Deputy Commissioner in 2017, an accredited Commissioner and Mediator. She has a background in the conservation and resource management fields and has held appointments on various Environmental Protection Authority Boards of Inquiry, including Tauhara II Geothermal Power, Transmission Gully and the Mackay's to Peka Peka Expressway. Glenice has an extensive background in leadership and governance within Iwi/Maori organisations. Glenice is Co-Chair of Mana Rangatira (Governance Group) of the National Science Challenge - Biological Heritage, and also Co-Chair of the Knowledge Advisory Group (KAG) addressing Kauri Dieback and Myrtle Rust threats to our taonga. She recently completed three terms on the Nelson City Council Environment and Climate Change Committee. Additional previous roles include being a member Te Tau Ihu Rivers & Freshwater Advisory Committee, and a directorship on the South Island whanau ora commissioning agency, Te Putahitanga o Te Waipounamu General Partner Ltd. Glenice affiliates predominantly to Te Atiawa Te Tau Ihu and Ngai Tahu.

Ina Kara-France - Part 1, Schedule 1 and, Freshwater Planning Process, Panel Member



Ina holds a Master of Business Administration in International Business, and a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Māori Development. Ina is a specialist advocate for Mana Whenua regarding mātauranga Māori, cultural values, sites of significance, Te Mana o Te Wai, Iwi consultation and engagement, Iwi environmental management plans and cultural impact assessments. Ina has Resource Consent Pre-Hearing, Hearing and Environment Court appeal negotiation and Environment Court; and Future Development Strategy Hearing Panel Iwi Representative experience. Ina is a certified Commissioner for the Resource Management Act 1991. Ina has 17 Months with WSP, and 30 years of experience. Ina affiliates to Waikato-Tainui, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Te Ati Hau-nui-A-Pāpārangi, and Ngārauru Ngāti Koata.

Gillian Wratt - Freshwater Planning Process Panel member



Gillian is an experienced senior executive and director with an extensive background in science and environmental management and policy, including as Chief Executive of Cawthron Institute and Antarctica New Zealand. She is a certified Environment Commissioner with experience as an RMA Commissioner and on Environmental Protection Authority EEZ and Hazardous Substances and New Organisms decision making committees. She is based in Whakatū/Nelson and has several governance roles in the science and not-for-profit sectors.