Local Government

Specialist Interest Group

The LGSIG is one of ALGA's special interest groups devoted to sharing knowledge and expertise about contaminated land between local governments.

VISION

Our vision is to assist Local Government in dealing with contaminated land responsibilities through advocacy, communication and education.

WHY IT MATTERS

Local government sits at the front line of environmental decision making balancing community expectations, evolving regulatory frameworks and the requirement for sustainable land management and urban planning. This SIG fosters collaboration between stakeholders: councils, auditors, consultants, policy makers, contractors and community.

Communication and Promotion

- Connect with other SIGs to share knowledge
- Understand contaminated land from both a legislative and practical approach
- Guidance on best practice and current developments
- Convey council expectations to wider industry

Education and Training

Following a successful Local Government Contaminated Land Forum December 2024 future work includes a review of courses available, knowledge gaps and new training course developed for local government and regulators.

- NZ & AU network supporting accessible contaminated land training programs across private and public sectors
- Advocating for Certified Practitioner (CEnvP) status to be accessible to Local Government representatives that can demonstrate experience and capabilities

Advocacy

- Dissemination of up-to-date and current industry knowledge without training delay and cost burden
- The LGSIG recognise the variance of contaminated land legislation across jurisdictions and fosters a collaborative space for knowledge sharing and expertise
- Advocating for increased training in asbestos contamination for local government officers
- 2025-2026 goal to discuss the current framework for contaminated land asset management, planning and accounting in addition to liability obligations.

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