

Professor Diane Brand Keynote Topic

**THE NEW ZEALAND HYDROTOWN - LESSONS FOR ADAPTABILITY**

Twentieth century infrastructure camps and hydrotowns were 'kitsets' of planning and architectural componentry combined to optimise national power delivery. Selective building types and structural patterns from both the traditional camp and the early twentieth century suburb were used to facilitate transitions of settlement amenity and scale in remote locations. The New Zealand hydrotown provides an important historic precedent for transitional environmental and spatial interventions at multiple scales of planning and design, and offers potential lessons for the aggregation and deployment of a range of architectural and urban elements in situations requiring imperative adaptability such as natural disasters and extreme weather events.