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Hamish's research area is geography, environmental planning and management. He applies geographical and planning technical skills and knowledge to environmental problem solving. Hamish's primary focus is management of commons (e.g., oceans, freshwater, biodiversity), especially multi-layered commons.

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Dee is a seasoned planning practitioner and certified RMA commissioner who spends much of his time in council and environment court hearings. Dee excels in blending traditional Māori perspectives with modern planning frameworks, creating outcomes that respect the connection between land, water and communities. His commitment to advancing culturally responsive and sustainable planning practices also informs his area of teaching.

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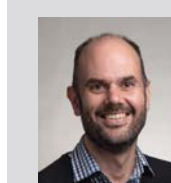
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Helen uses and teaches geographic information science (GIS) and remote sensing (RS) to a variety of fields. Her research has been focussed on conservation and fire ecology science and management. She likes to ensure that her research is driven by user. Increasingly her work aims to integrate climate change and spatial aspects of big data science into these research topics.

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Crile is a computer modeller who applies geographic information science (GIS) to both human and physical geography. As a spatial scientist, he advocates for GIS and what it can add to our understanding of the world. Early in his research career, he discovered the power of maps as a tool to communicate the underlying science.

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Sandhya's research is on modelling complex systems using systems theories, soft computing (neural networks, fuzzy systems, AI, machine learning) and mathematical approaches. She is a leading researcher in complex systems modelling. Her main focus is on systems biology and environment from network and data modelling perspectives.

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