

# Thinking back, looking forward: HIA in New Zealand

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# **Health Impact Assessment: An idea whose time has come**

HARD WORK, EXPERTISE AND RESOURCES  
ARE REQUIRED TO TURN THE IDEA INTO  
REALITY;  
AND CREATE SUSTAINABLE HIA



# The stars that aligned to establish HIA

- ★ A conducive environment
- ★ Champions
- ★ Lead agencies with capacity outside business as usual'



# The stars that aligned to enable HIA to shine

- ★ Levers
- ★ Partnerships
- ★ Building capability
- ★ Building on success



# Aligning the stars for the future

- ★ Building on existing strengths
- ★ Mitigating vulnerability
- ★ Remaining flexible
- ★ Responding to opportunity



# Future stars

- ★ Ensuring easy access to information and resources
- ★ Feeding evaluation back into practice
- ★ Building capacity
- ★ Linking HIA with other impact assessment tools
- ★ Strengthening connections
- ★ Building the HIA constituency
- ★ Changing the language; “health starts where we live, learn, work and play”



## In summary...

HIA – an idea whose time has come:  
action has bought the idea to life

The value of a stand-alone resource  
outside business as usual

HIA application and practice is  
evolving...



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Urban environments designed without consideration of the needs of some populations generate costs to health. (© Project for Public Spaces, www.pps.org)

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