



DARREN PATTERSON

Darren has had a long and active association with WasteMINZ spanning more than 20 years. He was one of our longest serving Board members, elected in 2008, then stepping down after 12 years in 2020. During that time, he held the position of Deputy Chair for four years and Chair for five years. This wasn't his only governance role for WasteMINZ. In 2004 he was appointed Chair of the Liquid and Hazardous Waste Sector group, a position he held for over a decade. During that time, he was a tireless advocate for improving the way New Zealand managed hazardous waste. He was also an advisor to the WasteMINZ Liquid and Hazardous Waste Operators Certification Council and helped update their nationwide Code of Practice.

During Darren's time on the Board, he was a strong advocate for WasteMINZ's sector groups, seeing their diversity as a major strength for both the organisation and the country. Through these groups, the waste sector was able to progress multiple issues, present them to decision makers and punch well above our weight.

For the past five years, Darren has been the Chair of the Waste Advisory Board, which provides independent advice to the Minister for the Environment on matters relating to the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 and waste minimisation. In his day job, he is the sustainability manager for Meadow Mushrooms, a role where he has first-hand knowledge of the challenges faced by a primary industry food producer, a producer that takes others' waste to produce food for New Zealand.

