
CLM Conference Stream Organising Committee 2027

1. Purpose

The CLM Conference Stream Organising Committee guides the development of the contaminated land and groundwater programme for the joint WasteMINZ and Australasian Land & Groundwater Association (ALGA) Conference 2027.

The Committee will help shape a high quality and relevant program that reflects emerging issues, industry priorities, innovation and best practice across New Zealand and Australia.

2. Role and scope

The Committee provides advice and practical support to WasteMINZ and ALGA on the development and promotion of the contaminated land and groundwater conference streams. The committee is advisory and does not hold financial, contractual or operational authority on behalf of either organisation.

3. Responsibilities

The Committee will:

- Identify workshop, training and technical session topics.
- Recommend keynote speakers, panellists and presentation themes.
- Review abstracts and contribute to the presentation selection process.
- Develop conference sessions from accepted abstracts.
- Promote the conference through professional networks and industry channels.
- Provide input on emerging issues, trends and opportunities relevant to the contaminated land and groundwater sector.

4. Committee composition and selection

The Committee will comprise representatives from WasteMINZ and ALGA. Appointments will be made having regard to achieving balanced representation of expertise, geography, sectors and professional backgrounds across Australia and New Zealand.

Expressions of interest will be assessed using the information provided by applicants, including their interest, relevant expertise, organisation type, geographic region, previous conference experience and availability to participate.

5. Member expectations

- Participate actively and constructively in Committee meetings.
- Complete allocated abstract reviews and other agreed tasks within the required timeframes.
- Declare any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest relevant to the Committee's work.
- Respect confidentiality where information is identified as confidential or is not yet ready for public release.
- Promote the conference accurately and consistently through appropriate professional networks.
- Advise WasteMINZ or ALGA as early as possible if they can no longer meet the expected commitment.

6. Meetings and participation

Committee members are expected to be available for committee meetings and abstract review activities between October 2026 and May 2027. Meeting dates, frequency and format will be advised by WasteMINZ and ALGA.

Meeting papers and relevant information will be circulated to committee members. Members should review material before meetings and complete actions assigned to them.

7. Chairing, coordination and records

WasteMINZ and ALGA will coordinate the Committee, including meeting arrangements, agendas, records of key decisions and actions, and communication with Committee members. Chairing arrangements will be confirmed by WasteMINZ and ALGA.

8. Decision making

The Committee will seek to develop recommendations through discussion and consensus. Final decisions relating to the conference program, speakers, scheduling, budget, contracts and delivery remain with WasteMINZ and ALGA.

9. Conflicts of interest and confidentiality

Members must disclose any conflict of interest that may affect, or be seen to affect, their contribution to abstract review, speaker recommendations or other committee decisions. WasteMINZ and ALGA may adjust review or decision-making responsibilities to manage a declared conflict.

Members must not share confidential abstracts, reviewer comments, speaker information or unpublished conference material outside the committee unless authorised by WasteMINZ or ALGA.

10. Term and review

Membership applies to the preparation and delivery of the CLM Conference Stream for the 2027 Conference. These terms of reference may be reviewed and updated by WasteMINZ and ALGA where required.