



Why do I need a “suitably qualified and experienced practitioner”?

There are many good reasons to use a “suitably qualified and experienced practitioner” when investigating potentially contaminated and contaminated land. A few of the key reasons are listed here:

- Contaminated land can pose significant risks to people and the environment, as well as commercial risks. It is therefore important that this land is adequately and methodically investigated by suitably qualified and experienced people so that any risks can be identified, assessed and managed if necessary. Inadequate investigations and assessments can overlook or miss risks that may result in on-going or even increased exposure to people and the environment, as well as possible commercial or financial risks.
- A report certified by a “suitably qualified and experienced practitioner” is required under the NES. If the investigation is required to support a resource consent application under the NES, this regulation requires that a “suitably qualified and experienced practitioner” certifies the preliminary and detailed site investigation reports. However, regardless of whether the investigation of your land is required by the NES, selecting a consultant that is “suitably qualified and experienced” will more likely ensure the best outcome is achieved.
- Clients are more likely to achieve the best outcome for them and their community. Choosing a “suitably qualified and experienced practitioner” will help to get you the best advice and can save time and money by ensuring the service and advice they provide is fit for purpose from the outset. Like all things, the cheapest price may not necessarily obtain the best outcome.