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Te Whare Wānanga o Tāmaki Makaurau

“New Zealand has lost 90 percent of its original wetlands”



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“I am a restoration ecologist and have owned and operated an Auckland-based environmental consultancy since 1988. I work for private and public clients including national and international conservation agencies and government bodies.

Sustainability is a core value of my business and this means achieving a balance between the environment, society and economics. Environmental sustainability is more than just superficial marketing, claims must stand up to rigorous scrutiny.

I am very involved with wetland ecology. Wetlands are highly productive ecosystems which provide significant environmental benefits, yet New Zealand has lost around 90% of its original wetlands. Restoration of these critical ecosystems involves understanding their function not just restoring their individual parts.

Graduates need to be aware of the environmental impact of everything they do. While most of these impacts are out of sight, some have far-reaching significant effects. Understanding how these impacts affect the function of the environment is a critical step towards sustainability.”

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