



**Water Economics Pre-Conference Workshop**  
**Wednesday 27 August 10.30am – 4.30pm**  
**Tahuna Conference Centre, Nelson**

This free workshop is aimed primarily at regional council staff; but is open to anyone attending the annual New Zealand Agriculture and Resource Economics Society conference held at the same venue on 28-29 August (see [www.nzares.org.nz](http://www.nzares.org.nz)).

The workshop will cover the types of economics involved in analysing water quality limits, and is intended to be practical in terms of applying economics in a real policy environment.

Workshop sessions will be led by speakers from universities, regional and central government, and consultancies, encompassing the following topics:

**Setting the scene:** Freshwater reforms, the new section 32, and the role of economics in resource management. The diversity of strengths we need, “no one answer”.

**Values:** Frameworks and examples to help start thinking about values (ecosystem services, direct use/indirect use and non use values).

**Scenarios:** Discussion on spatial and temporal scales – sub-catchment / catchment / regional, intergenerational timeframes and discounting. Scenario modelling – importance of getting the baseline right, selecting policy scenarios. Linking economics to environmental outcomes.

**Impacts:** Farm level impacts, catchment level impacts, and regional impacts. Covering the purpose of the different scales and models, data collection, representativeness, farm systems modeling, and farm practices, links with bio-physical modelling, and outputs.

**Write plan/ link to policy development, growing capability:** Landing the results, growing a community of practice, working with decision makers/collaborative groups.

Speakers will be announced later in June.

Register now at <http://www.nzares.org.nz/> (registration is required for catering purposes).

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