

## Bio on Mike Cosman



Mike is one of the most experienced health and safety professionals in New Zealand having worked throughout this complex and challenging field in different sectors and countries for over 43 years. With tertiary qualifications in management and safety and as a Chartered Fellow of IOSH, Certified Fellow of NZISM and HASANZ accredited health and safety professional, Mike combines practical experience with a strategic perspective. Mike is also an accredited SafePlus assessor

Mike's work as the only health and safety professional member of the Independent Taskforce on Workplace Health and Safety and on the Independent Forestry Safety Review means that he is used to looking at the big picture and translating that down to action at a workplace level.

Mike takes a particular interest in the role of governance as a driver of safety. He is a Member of the NZ Institute of Directors and has completed their intensive Company Directors Course. He works with boards and executive teams to help them understand their obligations and opportunities in this area. He delivers assurance services through audits and reviews and has facilitated the IOD's Advanced Health and Safety Workshop for the past 7 years and it's Officer Development Programme for public sector leaders for the past 3 years.

Mike is the independent member on the health and safety risk governance committees of MFAT and MPI and the New Zealand parts of two global private sector businesses and also Chairs the Board for the New Zealand Institute of Safety Management. Previously he had similar roles with Customs NZ, Oranga Tamariki, Corrections and StatsNZ

His 28-year regulatory background provides a strong legal perspective and advanced investigation skills (using ICAM) are put into action when things go wrong. He provides expert witness services for prosecution and defence teams and in health and safety related employment cases.

Mike has worked with the health/social care sector at various stages across his career including leading the work of the UK Health and Safety Executive in this area from 1994-1996 and more recently a large private hospital group.