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## Editor's Introduction

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This is a timely opportunity to summarise the manuscript activity of the Journal over the calendar year of 2020. In 2020 The New Zealand Journal of Psychology received 53 manuscripts for consideration. Of these:

- 17 are currently under review
- 13 were accepted and published
- 12 were rejected
- 6 are currently under revision
- 3 were withdrawn before/after decision
- 2 are accepted and are awaiting publication

A significant number of manuscripts fail to meet our criterion 'Relevance to New Zealand':

"Manuscripts will only be considered for publication if (a) they include data collected from New Zealand samples, or (b) they discuss the relevance of issues contained in the manuscript to the New Zealand social and cultural context, or (c) they discuss the practice of psychology in New Zealand.

**All published manuscripts must include a consideration of the applicability of the content to New Zealand's indigenous Māori population."**

In 2020, then, 28% of those manuscripts submitted were accepted. I'd anticipate that a similar number of those currently under review, or being revised following review, will subsequently be accepted for publication in 2021.

A final point relating to manuscript submission is to remind authors to ensure that they provide a title page separately to the anonymised manuscript. Manuscripts for which this has not been done prior to submission may be returned to authors to request it be done, and this adds to the period of time under review. If in doubt, please contact us.

As previously signalled, 2021 will also see a refresh of the Editorial Board – watch this space. Finally, thanks to all those who have contributed by submitting their work for consideration, for reviewing for the Journal, and otherwise supporting our activities.

### **CALL FOR PAPERS: Environment, climate and sustainability**

We invite submissions for an upcoming special issue of the *New Zealand Journal of Psychology* focused on environment, climate, and sustainability.

We welcome contributions in the form of scholarly reviews, empirical research whether qualitative or quantitative in nature, commentaries relating to practice relevant to psychologists working Aotearoa New Zealand, and other relevant contributions. Contributions should be broadly relevant to the themes of environment, climate and sustainability, but more specific examples might include:

- Psychological and behavioural aspects of people and nature
- Ecological consequences of human actions
- Perception of, and behavioural responses to, environmental risks and hazards
- Māori and indigenous perspectives on the environment and its impacts
- Effects of environment (and perception of the environment) on human cognition and health
- Theories of environment-relevant behaviour, values, norms, attitudes, and personality
- Psychology of sustainability and climate change
- Psychological practice in the context of environment, climate and sustainability

Special issue Editors are drawn from the New Zealand Psychological Society's Climate Psychology Task Force and include Brian Dixon, Jackie Feather, Natasha Tassell-Matamua, and Marc Wilson. For further information about the Society's Climate Change initiatives please visit the Society [website](#).

The deadline for submissions to the Special Issue is May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Consistent with the imperative of the Journal, *any* submission must clearly articulate relevance in the context of Aotearoa New Zealand. Information about the Journal, and general author guidelines can be found [here](#).

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