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Statement of interest:

I have been involved with measuring suspended sediment loads in the Waipaoa River for the last 5 years. The study aims have included determining the mean annual basin exports of suspended sediment, sediment loads during storm events, sediment concentrations and the implications for generation of hyperpycnal flows off the river mouth, and the signature of basin erosion processes on the magnitude-frequency characteristics of event sediment loads. I would present the results of these investigations at the workshop. This would, I believe, be essential background information for those interested in "modern" processes of sediment transfer between the Waipaoa Basin and the continental shelf. Note that since I will be on sabbatical at St Anthony Falls Hydraulics Laboratory from April through June 2003, my attendance at the Waipaoa Margins workshop will be conditional on receiving funding for return travel from Minneapolis to Girborne/Wellington.

Short resume:  
RESUME

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1976 BSc Hons (1), University of Otago, Geology  
1978 BE Hons (1), University of Canterbury, Civil Engineering  
1985 PhD, University of California, Earth Science

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Fullbright Scholar (1980-85)  
Member of New Zealand Hydrological Society  
Member of Impacts Committee, New Zealand Climate Change Programme (1989-90)  
Member ASCE Hydraulics Division Task Committee on Mountain Rivers (1993-95)  
Member of the New Zealand Society for Coastal Sciences and Engineering

Professional positions held:

1978-80 Scientist, MWD Hydrology Centre, Christchurch  
1985-88 Scientist, MWD Soil Group, Christchurch  
1988-92 Scientist, DSIR Marine and Freshwater, Christchurch  
1992-2000 Scientist, NIWA, Christchurch  
2000-02 Principal Scientist, Sediment Processes Group, NIWA, Christchurch

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Suspended sediment loads in New Zealand Rivers and yields to coast; coastal sediment transport; braided river morphodynamics, remote-sensing, and modelling

2001-2002 Research programme responsibilities:

NSOF Project Leader (Sediment Yields to Coast) in Effects of Sediments on Estuarine and Coastal Ecosystems programme (\$120k).

Significant first-author refereed publications:

Hicks, D.M.; Gomez, B. (in press). Sediment transport. Chapter 9 in: Tools in Fluvial Geomorphology. Kondolf, G.M.; Piegay, H. (eds.). Wiley, San Francisco.  
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Hicks, D M; McSaveney, M J; Chinn, T J H, 1990. Sedimentation in proglacial Ivory lake, Southern Alps, New Zealand. *Arctic and Alpine Research*, 22(1): 26-42.

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Significant junior-author refereed publications:

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ABSTRACT

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Suspended sediment characteristics of the Waipaoa River

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Abstract:

Suspended sediment (SS) loads in the Waipaoa River basin have been measured at a main-stem site and in several tributaries. Miscellaneous gaugings have been undertaken during storm runoff events since the 1960's. Continuous, turbidity-based records of SS concentration commenced at the main-stem site at Kanakanaia in 1997 and in the Mangatu and Waihora Basins in 1999. At Kanakanaia, the annual average SS load is 6750 t/km<sup>2</sup>/yr, while the maximum gauged SS concentration is 36,800 mg/l. Concentrations can exceed 20,000 mg/l several times per year. The annual average SS yield to the coast is estimated as 14.9 Mt/yr. All sites generally show a clockwise hysteresis in the relationship between SS concentration and water discharge, with higher concentrations on the rising stages of simple runoff events and progressive reductions in peak concentrations during composite events. Gully-erosion dominated tributaries yield more sediment per unit area overall and particularly during events that occur often during the year. In landslip-dominated tributaries, more sediment is carried by less frequent events due to a rainfall-threshold effect on the landslip generation.

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