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Director and Science

Hugh McDonald



BCom (Hons)

Fellow

Hugh McDonald is a Fellow at Ecologic Institute, where he works on projects related to water policy and ecosystem-based management from an environmental economics perspective. He is a native English speaker and fluent in German.

Hugh McDonald's current work is focussed on the topic areas of water, biodiversity and innovation. He contributes to the project [Knowledge, Assessment, and Management for Aquatic Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Across EU Policies](#) [1] (AQUACROSS), which aims to support the European Union's (EU) efforts to protect aquatic biodiversity and ensure the provision of aquatic ecosystem services. On the innovation front, Hugh McDonald is involved in the projects [Demonstrate Ecosystem Services Enabling Innovation in the Water Sector](#) [2] (DESSIN), which demonstrates and promotes innovative solutions for water scarcity and water quality and the valuation of ecosystem services, and [BRIGAD](#) [3], which aims to support innovations in disaster resilience.

Before coming to Berlin, Hugh McDonald worked for three years as a Research Analyst at [Motu Economic and Public Policy Research](#) [4] in Wellington (New Zealand). His work there centered on climate policy and water pollution, with a particular focus on trading market design, transaction costs in environmental markets, environmental policy evaluation and collaborative stakeholder processes. Alongside this environmental focus, his responsibilities also included quantitative and qualitative research on a wide range of economic policy questions related to New Zealand, including health care utilization, state housing policy, and wages in the New Zealand economy. Before starting at Ecologic Institute, Hugh also worked as a freelance copywriter and translator.

Hugh McDonald holds a Bachelor of Commerce with Honours degree in Economics from the [University of Otago](#) [5] (New Zealand). His honours dissertation [5] considered poverty lines, household equivalence scales and definitions of poverty in sole-parent New Zealand households.

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