



NZUAG

Utilities in Roads

Update for RCA Forum
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What's been happening

- The national code of practice for utilities implementation roadshow has been around the country
- A number of Councils have begun implementing the Code
- The Infrastructure Bill has been introduced to the House and gone through the first reading
- It is likely the legislative process will be short and sharp
- Government looking to roll out Broadband very quickly and likely to look at quick and nasty solutions

RCA Forum Involvement

- The uptake of the Code is a requirement of the proposed legislation
- Need to discuss with LGNZ how it is intended to approach the select committee process – Forum may want to make its own submission
- Need to consider how to support any RCA that may struggle with the uptake
- Need to be involved with Broadband issue – MED want to get to regional contracting quickly

Future Development of Draft Code

- Should now be being investigated for the implications to each RCA
- A formal review is to be carried out before the legislation is finalised – RCA reps
- NZUAG will ask for lead-in implementation period once Code approved
- Initial decisions on monitoring and reporting requirements

Structure & Funding

- NZUAG currently consulting on future structure and funding
- Recommendation is to develop an incorporated society
- Sector groups have been asked to comment on participation, representation and membership
- Funding mixture of membership fee and cost per access request

Code Management Proposal - Version Four

Administrative Interface	Operations Group - Selected Industry Representatives (Small group)	Code Management Board - Electricity, Gas, Telecommunications, Local Government, Rail, State highway, Water & Waste	Government Agency (currently Ministry of Economic Development)	Government (currently Minister of Economic Development)
Manages communications Collates information for consideration Organizes events & meetings Clearing House for innovations and issues	Monitors Code Documents changes Manages updating Establishes expert sub-groups	Policy Sector Liaison Considers and recommends changes Education & training Appoints operations group Funding	Advice to Minister Recommends changes Ministerial questions	Approves changes Political interface Public interface

