



NZUAG Utilities in Roads

Update for RCA Forum
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What's been happening with the Code

- First round of Code Consultation finalised – submissions on website
- Comments sought on proposed substantive changes (due today)
- MED progressing Broadband deployment standards initiative
- Rail working group still working on proposed specifications

Substantive Issues

- *Definitions: Major Works, and Works.* There were a lot of submissions on these definitions because they set the tone for later requirements.
- *QA s2.4.1:* Quality plans should be project based rather than requiring organisations to have formal quality systems.
- *Planned Works s2.7.1:* Have changed from the potentially vague forward programmes and resolved an ambiguity
- *Simplifying Processes s4.1.2:* Further clarification of intent to help form agreements
- *Corridor Access Request s4.3.1:* Aligning this with the definitions.

Substantive Issues cont.

- *Reasonable Conditions s4.5.2*: Clarifying the intent of the standard template
- *Working Around Trees s5.1.5*: Changes made to address the concerns, while not needing to convene an external subgroup to reconsider the content.
- *Locating Existing Utilities s5.2.1*: Providing more generic procedures and clarifying duties
- *Wrongly Located Utilities s6.4(e)*: Reworded to clarify intent
- *Key Performance Data s8.2.2*: While this Section has been clarified, the NZUAG wishes to have feedback on whether the sectors consider these are sensible and useful measures

Timing

- Legal review underway
- Code Review Group to meet again early June
- To NZUAG early July if both finished
- Aim for getting it to the Minister end of July
- Minister to have 3 months – except election?

RCA Forum Issues

- NZUAG acceptance of Code
- RCA response to the Code
- Training
- Identifying any support needs
- Broadband standards

NZUAG

- Incorporated Society rules at final draft stage – ready to be discussed by NZUAG members
- Proposal for interim Board
- Future structure important as Government has stated expectation that NZUAG will manage Code
- Funding and representation on table for discussion by interim Board
- Open meeting in August