



NZUAG

Utilities in Roads

Update for RCA Forum
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What's been happening

- The national code of practice for utilities working in the road (NUC) is complete for implementation
- It is on the NZUAG website for downloading
- A copy of the submissions and responses is also on the website
- NUC is ready for each RCA to consider adoption of the code
- Implementation workshops May 1 – 20: details on the website

RCA Forum Involvement

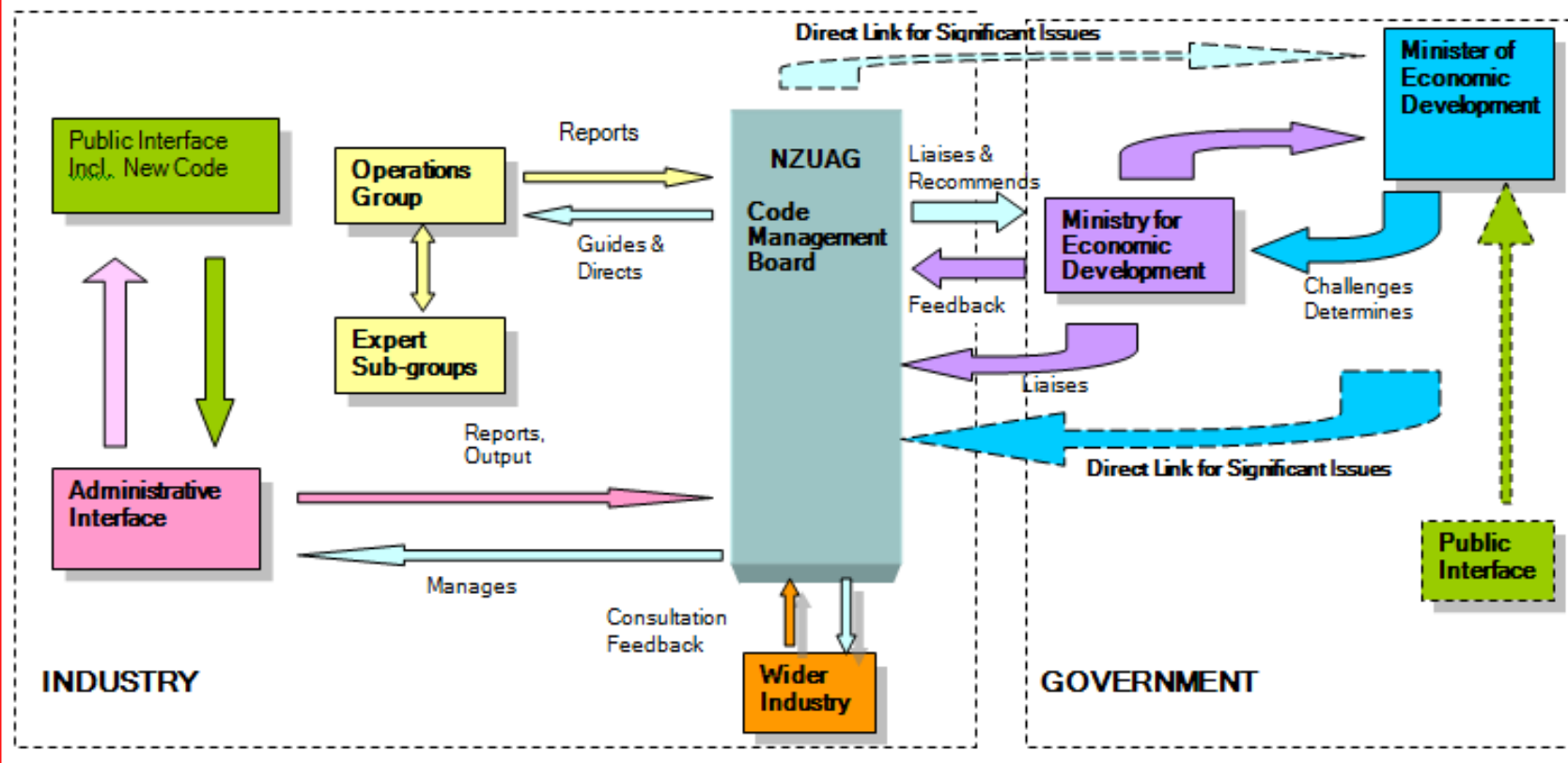
- All RCAs /TLAs now need to make their decisions on the uptake of the Code – cannot do it in isolation
- Need to discuss with utility operators as there are expectations on them as well - especially data requirements
- If you intend to proceed then amendments to processes need to be promulgated – can NZUAG help e.g. electronic forms?
- Liaison meetings

Future Development of Draft Code

- Need to operate code before it becomes mandatory (beginning of 2010 at earliest)
- Try to operationalise it and find the problems
- A formal review is proposed before the legislation is finalised – RCA reps
- Still considering monitoring and reporting requirements – trials
- Still working on future governance – to discuss draft legislation with PCO
- Funding

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



Draft Utilities Access Bill

Part 1

Preliminary provisions

3 Purpose of Act

The purpose of this Act is to—

- (a) require utility operators and corridor managers to comply with a national code of practice that regulates access to the transport corridor; and
- (b) provide for the making and administration of that code; and
- (c) amend a variety of Acts relating to utility operators' access to the transport corridor in order to achieve greater certainty and consistency in the rights and obligations of utility operators and corridor managers.

4 Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

Code means—

- (a) the national code of practice that is approved under section 12 and in force, along with all amendments to it that are in force;