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Welcome to 2020 – and Happy New Year, even though it is now February. And yes, I’m still getting used to adding the second ‘2’ to the date.

Even though most of you may have worked through much of the Christmas and New Year break, I do hope you had some time to relax and enjoy the company of family and friends.

This will be short and sweet as, due to the ‘great Kiwi summer shut down’, many regulators and government agencies weren’t around to further any of the outstanding 2019 issues.

Case in point is the Ministry of Business, Employment and Innovation’s (MBIE) discussion paper that sought feedback on how to improve protections for people working with plant, structures, heights and excavations.

Titled *Implementing the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015: Better Regulation – Plant, Structures and Heights*, consultation closed in October 2019.

So, we wait with bated breath for MBIE’s next step. But we will keep you informed when we hear more.

However, it seems we’re coming to an amicable agreement with the NZ Transport Agency regarding our swept path travel time exemptions.

Again, we will release details in greater detail at a later date.

Moving away from the regulatory side of things, we’re progressing details for this year’s CANZ Conference, which is exciting. You will find more details in this month’s newsletter.

But other than that, there’s not much else I can say, except to wish everybody a great and safe start to the new year.

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