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Never has there been a more exciting time to be associated with one of New Zealand's most successful sectors – the crane industry.

From a construction boom to progressing an improved operator licencing system – the industry is coming on in leaps and bounds.

And so, it falls to the Crane Association of New Zealand – on behalf of its members – to take a leading role in strengthening the industry's future.

Adding to the varied knowledge of the CANZ Council is Stephen Broomfield, the business development manager of Ancon Building Products, who is serving his second term.

From a gantry crane background, he says his representation of that particular sector would benefit the industry as a whole.

When asked why, Stephen says the gantry crane is a widely utilised piece of equipment that often gets taken for granted; that gets treated as just a tool, rather than a specialist piece of machinery.

With his decades of experience – not only in cranes and pre-cast concrete, but health and safety – he's undertaking collaborations for Implementing the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015: Better regulation - plant, structures and working at heights.

Chairing the newly formed (Pressure Equipment, Cranes, and Passenger Ropeways) PECPR working group, he says the work will have wide implications; not just for cranes, but for the likes of the agricultural manufacturing community, too.

Discussions between it and the Ministry of Business, Employment and Innovation have highlighted areas that need particular attention during further consultation, including:

- What responsibilities should be applied to suppliers and manufacturers of plant, particularly regarding the provision of information to different points in the supply chain
- What regulatory instruments are most appropriate for setting duties, and further describing the standards required to meet those duties – particularly the relationship between regulations, codes, guidance and AS/NZS and other Standards
- What authorisations for high risk work and certification systems for plant should be put in place, and what are the practical issues involved with such permitting and certification systems

- The extent to which obligations should be imposed for “construction work”, versus all other types of work and workplaces, and what the scope of any definition of “construction work” should be.

“The benefits of being on the CANZ Council is that you’re a part of the decision-making process, which is great, but you’re also in that unique position to represent the wider community and your members, colleagues and peers of industry,” Stephen says.

“So, you’re always thinking about the wider needs, and apply your expertise to the larger picture to bring new ideas to fruition.

“Not only that, but the great thing about the crane industry is that it plays a significant role in so many other sector groups – sooner or later, someone is going to need a crane.”

Stephen Broomfield
Ancon Building Products

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