



Word from the President

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With the recent announcement that our economy is now in a recession, it's best if I keep this month's *Word from the President* short and sweet as there will – undoubtedly – be a lot on people's plates.

As a result of the country's falling GDP, our industry and our businesses will obviously face increasingly difficult times.

And as these economic times become tougher, the regulatory requirements and compliance costs are likely to follow suit.

However, it shouldn't deter us – it certainly won't deter the Association – from ensuring that we continue to grow and remain a construction sector leader.

We can navigate it more efficiently as one unit, because as the saying goes – there is strength in numbers.

And a collection of voices is more likely to influence, or bend the ear of, policymakers than any one individual can.

There is value and benefit to being a member of CANZ that enables all of us to address issues head on via the resources of an association like ours.

After all, the Association's main function is to do what's right for you – whether that is the RUC rebate some members received recently, our plan for a New Zealand accreditation license framework or our continued efforts to strengthen ties with other industry-related leaders.

So, I urge you to stay committed to the Association's future, and the industry's growth.

Following the election and the announcement of the industry's new Minister, we will endeavour to introduce CANZ and the issues that matters to members.

Should you feel any particular issue needs addressing that may not already be on our radar, please don't hesitate to let our Executive Officer Sarah Toase, know.

Until next time, remember that we are stronger together. Stay safe out there, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible return as members for the 2020-2021 year.

Tony Gibson
President

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