

2023 ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES REGISTRATION BOARD REPORT

Five Board meetings were held in 2023. All meetings were held by videoconference as an aid to minimising the Board's operating costs. The newly introduced Newsletter continues to be positively received by Registered Engineering Associates.

The change of Government has seen progress on the Occupational Registration of Engineers grind to a halt. Rumour would have it that there is still cross-party support to proceed with the new legislation, in the future.

The number of applications for registration is still climbing. However, the overall number of Registrants continues to decline, albeit at a slowing rate. Three drivers for the increase in applications are more local authorities recognising the credential for design approval, Electrical Inspectors seeking a formal Credential and the move by Immigration New Zealand to allocate points for being a Registered Engineering Associate.

The Board continue to maintain dialogue with Engineering New Zealand and the multitude of relevant vocational training organisations.

My appointment to the Board, for another two years, has been confirmed. I signal my intent now not to seek a further term.

As always, drop me an e-mail or give me a call if you have any thoughts or concerns you would like me to take to the Board table.

Bruce Hurley

NZEI Nominee on the Engineering Associates Registration Board