

2019 ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES REGISTRATION BOARD REPORT

Four Board meetings were held in 2019. Essentially, they were just business as usual dealing with new applicants for registration and approving payments.

As flagged last year, the expired Board's term was extended for a further six months until June 2019. However, this was still insufficient time to get cross-party agreement on the Board membership. After several further extensions, Association members appointed under the Act have had their appointments confirmed from 01 February. We still await the appointment of the Chairman and the two Government appointees but have been assured (yet again) all will be complete by mid-year.

On the regulatory front, there was absolutely no movement so we are no closer to implementation of the Government's intention to rationalise the engineering regulatory environment.

On the better news front, we have seen an increase in the number of applicants applying for registration. The primary driver has been the move by Auckland's WaterCare to require approval for all minor subdivision storm water plans. REA is a recognised credential for sign-off. You may recall, the Board was active in promoting REA as an approving credential.

Robin Dunlop, the Board Chairman, has also opened a beach head into Transit New Zealand. A number of the challenges they face relate to inadequate technical supervision of their contracts. The REA credential is seen as a possible solution to ensure technical supervisors are competent.

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.

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