

SESOC

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Kia Ora everyone, and welcome to another journal. A few interesting things have happened since our last journal.

In August last year SESOC and NZSEE, with the help of Engineering NZ,

prepared and issued our Hollowcore advisory. MBIE have since announced that the upcoming 2022 proposed changes to the building code will include changes to the compliance pathway for the use of hollow-core floor systems in new buildings. This is a great outcome, and thank you again to the team who helped pull the advisory together.

More recently, it has been announced that occupational regulation of engineers will be proceeding. In March this year, Cabinet has agreed to proposals to develop a bill to introduce a new two-tiered regulatory regime for engineers, and to establish a new regulator to oversee the regime.

If you are interested and have time, the cabinet decision and summary of submissions is available on the MBIE website at (<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/have-your-say/proposed-occupational-regulatory-regime-for-engineers/>)

Last week I dialled in to the NZSEE Conference and I'd like to congratulate Annie and Helen and all the conference organising team for pulling together what was a very engaging few days for us all. I can only imagine all the extra work needed to pivot and hold the conference online, but I am sure all of us attending appreciated it.

The conference theme was Designing for Uncertainty. SESOC, NZSEE and NZGS are currently working together on an advisory for practitioners. This advisory is to help us all navigate the uncertainty we are facing, particularly around the upcoming National Seismic Hazard Model (NSHM) update. I want to thank those of you who are preparing this, as I am sure we will all need the guidance soon.

And finally I would like to congratulate SESOC life member and past president Hamish McKenzie on being elected to the Board of Engineering New Zealand. I am sure we all wish him well and thank him for all his efforts in taking up this role.

Nga Mihi

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