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Ministers for the Construction Sector Accord

By email only

Kia ora Accord Ministers,

We, the Association for Consulting and Engineering New Zealand, Te Kāhui Whaihanga New Zealand Institute of Architects, the New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors and Survey and Spatial New Zealand are writing to offer our support to the communities affected by the devastation of Cyclone Gabrielle.

Together, we represent the majority of professional services – engineering, architecture, surveyors, and more – who will be instrumental in helping our communities with the recovery and rebuild work ahead.

As central and local government agencies move from emergency efforts into recovery and rebuild, we expect to see significant procurement of services from our members. Our members are ready to help.

To enable our members to respond efficiently and effectively to recovery and rebuild efforts, we are calling for the Construction Sector Accord to strongly encourage central and local government agencies to use standard industry-accepted contracts for their engagements of our members— the CCCS Short Form Agreement (SFA), CCCS or All-of-Government CCCS (AoG CCCS).

These standard industry contracts are well understood by the industry, and insurable. Using the standard and accepted terms can save weeks of contract negotiations at a time where every moment counts in the recovery and rebuild effort, and for people who have suffered tragic losses of homes, family and friends and livelihoods.

If amended terms and conditions are needed by a procuring agency, we ask that those be minimal. Any amendment of the standard terms around indemnities, “fit for purpose”, and liabilities are likely to add significant delays through protracted negotiation efforts – we are speaking from our experience following the more recent Nelson flooding events.

Our goal is to ensure the procurement process is easy and efficient so our members can do what they do best, to support communities in the recovery rebuild work.

We will also be writing directly to the affected local authorities, and we ask that the Construction Sector Accord support our call for unity on this issue.

Please don't hesitate to contact us should you wish to discuss this further.

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