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HIRANGA TOHU – TO HOLD UP AND QUALIFY EXCELLENCE



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REA STORY

Rob Green REA – Honorary Life Membership

Concrete NZ recently awarded an Honorary Life Membership to Rob Green REA. Rob was one of only two individuals recognised in 2022 for his eminent contribution to the concrete industry.

Rob became an REA (Concrete Production) in 2006, and recently retired from Higgins Concrete, after nearly forty years in the ready-mix concrete industry. His staff and colleagues always admired his excellent planning and organizational skills in all aspects of production and delivery.

His quest for high quality was seen in many notable construction projects in the lower North Island including the Te Apiti, Westwind and Turitea wind farms.

Rob served as President of the New Zealand Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NZRMCA) and as a Cement & Concrete Association of New Zealand (CCANZ) Board member. Recently he has been actively involved with the Concrete NZ Readymix Technical Committee and the NZS 3104: 2021 Specification for Concrete Production Standards Committee.

Rob believes that trade training is crucial to a healthy and progressive concrete industry. His work with the Building & Construction Industry Training Organisation Concrete National Advisory Group resulted in ongoing development and delivery of many qualifications.

Concrete NZ saluted Rob for his eminence, sustained leadership and industry mana within the New Zealand Concrete industry and wished him an enjoyable retirement.

The original article is [here](#). The article was also published in the March 2022 edition of *Building Today* magazine.

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OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION OF ENGINEERS

On 24 March 2022, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) announced Cabinet's decisions for a new regulatory regime for professional engineers. The Cabinet Paper refers specifically to registered engineering associates (REAs) (paragraphs 71-77).

- The MBIE announcement is [here](#)
- The Cabinet Paper is [here](#)

The EARB Board welcomes Cabinet's decisions and inclusion of REAs, which we have worked with the Minister and MBIE to achieve. The new regime is intended to provide the public greater assurance that engineers are appropriately qualified, experienced, and performing engineering services with care and skill. Key points include:

- Establishment of a new Engineers' Registration Board to replace both the Engineering Associates Registration Board (EARB) and the Chartered Professional Engineers' Council (CPEC)
- Continuing voluntary registration for REAs within a separate register
- Continuing protection of the REA title
- Eligibility rules for REAs and registered professional engineers set by the new Board (refer Recommendations 58-65)
- Two-tier registration for professional engineers (licensing for work considered high risk)
- Engineering NZ (IPENZ) may provide services to the new Board
- Annual statement from registered engineers and REAs about compliance with Code of Ethics and continuing professional development, such as REAcap.

MBIE expects legislation to be passed in early 2023 and to apply about two years later. Transitional arrangements may continue for six years.

The Board's website has a [summary report](#). Engineering NZ also have information [here](#) and the video of their webinar with MBIE is [here](#).