



NZUAG

Utilities in Roads

Update for RCA Forum
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What's been happening

- The national code of practice for utilities working in the road (NUC) is basically complete
- Will be on the NZUAG website from 12 December
- NUC is currently with the industry reference groups for a final check (comments to ian.cox@nzta.govt.nz)
- NUC is finished enough for each RCA to consider adoption of the code
- NZUAG has agreed that the final document complete with implementation plan will be available from 1 March 2009 (includes training).

RCA Forum Involvement

- All RCAs /TLAs now need to make their decisions on the uptake of the Code
- If you intend to proceed then amendments to processes need to be promulgated – can NZUAG help e.g. electronic forms?
- Liaison meetings
- Need to discuss with utility operators as there are expectations on them as well - especially data requirements

Future Development of Draft Code

- Need to operate code before it becomes mandatory (end of 2009 at earliest)
- Try to operationalise it and find the problems
- A formal review is proposed before the legislation is finalised
- Still working on future governance with MED
- Still considering monitoring and reporting requirements