



Press Release

Construction Clients' Group – New Zealand Construction Client Protocols

With approximately \$10B spent per annum on construction in New Zealand it is crucial for the architectural, engineering and construction (AEC) industry to help clients get it right the first time. A well publicised example from just one sector is 'leaky building syndrome', where the ramifications of the cost of repairing faulty work are starting to hit everyone.

Extensive research both here and overseas continuously stresses the key role clients' play in obtaining a successful outcome. What has been discovered is that often clients have little experience of the complexities of the design and construction process.

Realising the need to alleviate the stress and navigate the potential pitfalls experienced during construction the Construction Clients Group have created the first ever New Zealand Construction Client Protocols. These protocols, jointly written by both experienced clients and those involved in the industry, are written for Clients in all sectors of New Zealand construction and maintenance. They are a great step towards educating and guiding these clients in their role to lead the process.

Simple and effective, these guidelines go a long way to bringing clarity and knowledge on best practices and help enable future clients to make decisions with greater understanding of the implications.

The Protocols will be launched to an invited audience of industry leaders at the University of Auckland on the 23rd March 2010.

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