



working together

NEW ZEALAND UTILITIES ADVISORY GROUP CHARTER OF UNDERSTANDING

PURPOSE

This Charter of Understanding records the commitment of the listed parties to work together to achieve a robust framework for utility operation within the road corridor. While this Charter does not create any legally binding obligations, or any rights, its intent is to create a working framework that will be efficient, fair and have a high level of national consistency.

DECLARATION

We are committed to working together in the roading corridor for the benefit of our customers and our communities

OUR VALUES

Responsiveness

Integrity

Partnering

Efficiency

Excellence

OUR VISION

Commitment to Work Together

We will facilitate mutual understanding and respect between network utility service operators, local government and road controlling authorities through:

- Open communication
- Leadership
- Partnering
- Identifying common synergies
- Accountability - transparent rights and responsibilities
- Coordination, collaboration and cooperation
- Sharing of information that is accurate and up to date
- Adopting mutually acceptable processes
- Sharing experiences and collaborative problem solving

Achieving Efficiencies

We will work together in a spirit of co-operation and collaboration to attain an efficient and well managed roading corridor and achieve:

- National consistency
- Co-ordination of works in the road
- Optimisation of road-related costs for end user consumers of utility services
- Optimisation of costs for utility services working in the road
- Optimal levels of self regulation
- Accessible utility services where commercially prudent

Technological Excellence

We will embrace the adoption of best practice standards in all aspects of road corridor management by fostering:

- Technical excellence
- Quality in all we do
- National consistency
- Competency in our workforce
- Excellent health and safety practices.

Commitment to Our Communities

We will respond to the needs of customers and communities by endeavouring to:

- Minimise inconvenience and reduce delays to road users
- Minimise 3rd party damage to other facilities
- Provide a high quality roading facility
- Provide and maintain affordable and accessible utility services and infrastructure where commercially prudent
- Ensure a safe work and travel environment

Signatories to the NZUAG Charter of Understanding

Aurora Energy Limited

Orion Group Limited

Unison Networks Limited

Vector Networks Limited

Electricity Networks Association

Electricity Engineers' Assoc. of NZ

Transit New Zealand

NGC Limited

WEL Networks Limited

NZWWA

Telecom

TelstraClear Limited

Local Government New Zealand

New Zealand Contractors Federation

NZ Pavement & Bitumen Contractors Assoc.

Ingenium

Porirua City Council

Auckland Regional Council

Manukau City Council

Rotorua District Council

Wellington City Council

Christchurch City Council

North Shore City Council

Hutt City Council

Upper Hutt City Council

Wanganui District Council

Powernet Limited

Wanganui Gas

Marlborough Lines

Gas Association of New Zealand

Signed this 3rd day of March 2004

at

Parliament Buildings, Wellington, New Zealand

In the presence of

Paul Swain

Minister of Communications



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