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## **RE: INDUSTRY COVERAGE OF ISBS**

Tēna koutou

Thank you for emailing us on 13 August seeking our views on the industry coverage for ISBs.

In our prior submission we discussed the downsides of moving from six WDCs to eight ISBs and what this would mean for the engineering profession. Following on from this – we see from the proposals that the engineering profession will now be split across at least five ISBs, as follows:

- Construction and specialist trades
- Electrotechnology and Information Technology
- Infrastructure
- Manufacturing and Engineering
- Food and fibre.

(Noting Automotive, Logistics & Transport- and Health and Community also have some peripheral coverage of engineering).

This makes industry engagement for engineering quite challenging, as the sector must engage with at least five ISBs, where previously it would be with two WDCs.

As previously submitted, we would recommend an engagement with engineering via a body such as Vocational Engineering Education New Zealand (VEENZ) alongside a consolidation of ISBs.

We recognise that this number of ISBs has evolved after a lot of consultation, and it might be hard to make substantial changes to the structure now to reduce this. But any effort to address the engineering distribution would be appreciated.

The optimal approach to addressing the pan-industry nature of engineering is to work through how the existing role of VEENZ could be strengthened to mitigate this issue. We are very happy to help with this.

Additionally, the ISB structure could be altered to bring the engineering distribution down to four by moving the Meat processing, Seafood processing & Wine/Beverage Manufacturing technologies from Food and Fibre into Manufacturing & Engineering.

To bring the distribution down to three, the Electrotechnology and Information Technology ISB could be removed and its contents redistributed among Infrastructure (moving Data cabling, IT infrastructure, Telecommunications into Infrastructure) with the rest into Manufacturing & Engineering

I am very happy to discuss this and help work this through.

Nāku, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Templer', written in a cursive style.

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