

Key notes from NZUAG meeting 23 November 2009

- Report back from Select committee, no significant changes.
 - Consultation on Code required to be undertaken after Bill is enacted.
 - Code to include processes and rules for sharing information.
 - Code can include other standards and guidelines by reference.
 - Amenity values included.
 - Rail corridor re-defined.
 - All water utilities now covered.
 - Lots of submissions on cost allocation – more work and consultation required before any major changes are made
- NZUAG and Ontrack to work together on reviewing the chapter in the code on rail
- NZUA submission to MED on roll-out of broadband based on the premise that broadband infrastructure is another utility, and all utilities should be treated equitably.
- LGNZ survey of local authorities shows strong support for the Code as it addresses the key issues of uncoordinated access to the road corridor creating disruption and the lack of information on location of utilities. Approximately half of all RCAs are already using the Code.
- Review of Code will be in two parts: process of getting code as good as we can, and then a round of consultation once the Utilities Access Amendment Act has been passed. Full information will be incorporated on the NZUAG website, as decisions on the process are made.
- Every-one using the Code is welcome to continue to send comments and recommendations for amendments to NZUAG, email info@nzuag.org.nz
- NZUAG is including contractors in the work on defining minimum levels of competence

Work is continuing on determining the future formal structure of NZUAG and how to fund its activities, including maintenance of the Code