



NZUAG, The Code Review and You

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What we will cover

- What is NZUAG and what we do
- The Code – how it was formed
- What's in the Code
- How is it working (2017 KPI report)
- 2018 Code Review
- Review timeline





What is NZUAG and what we do

- New Zealand Utilities Advisory Group
- Formed in 2001, Incorporated in 2013
- Board:
 - 5 transport corridor representatives, and
 - 5 utility operator representatives.
- Members and Associate Members include:
 - transport corridor managers, utility operators, industry representative bodies, contractors, and consultants.



What is NZUAG and what we do

- Guardian of **The Code** (National Code of Practice for Utility Operators' Access to Transport Corridors) under the **Utilities Access Act**
- Responsible for administration, review, and effective implementation of the Code
- Engage in activities that promote the interests of members and associate members





The Code – how it was formed

- Local Government restructuring in 1989 reducing local bodies from 256 to 86
- Privatisation of utilities during the 1990's
- No clear process/timelines for utilities to access transport corridors
- Inconsistent corridor access practices and reinstatements
- Utilities Access Act 2010
- Original Code came into force 1 January 2012, and reviewed in 2014/15



What's in the Code



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NATIONAL CODE OF PRACTICE

for

**UTILITY OPERATORS' ACCESS to
TRANSPORT CORRIDORS**

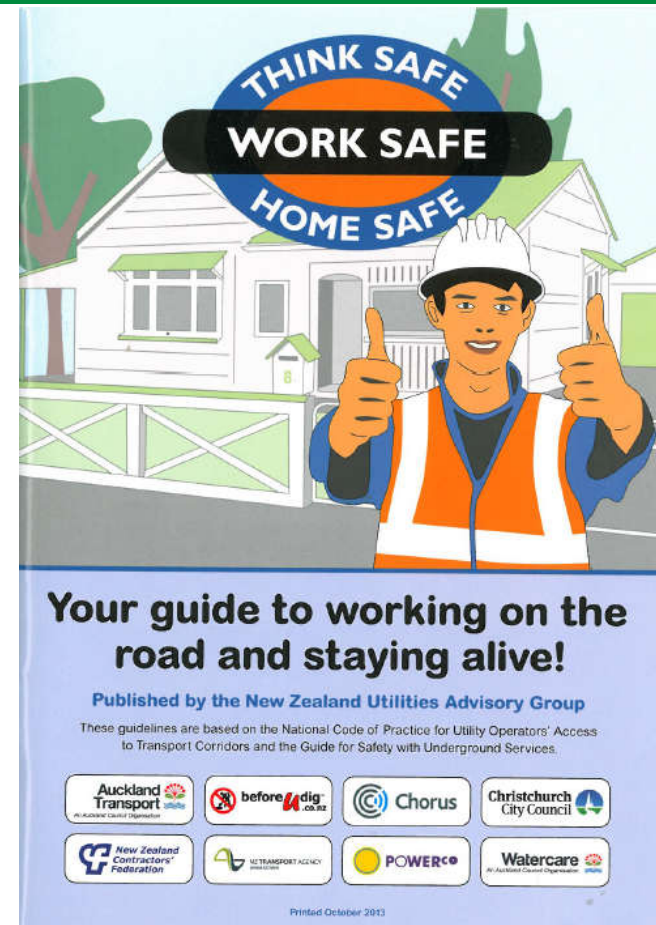
Updated Version 1

Approved by the Minister of Finance

10 September 2015

With subsequent minor amendments

16 September 2016





What's in the Code

- Enables utility operators access to transport corridors to be managed
- Maximises the benefit to the public
- Treats utility operators fairly and reasonably
- Ensures disruptions are kept to a minimum
- Maintains safety
- Provides a nationally consistent approach





What's in the Code

- General requirements - definitions, how the parties will work together
- Planning - design and location issues
- Specific requirements of access to motorways and rail
- Formal access to the corridor – putting the legislation into effect
- Technical matters - how work should be done in the road corridors
- Cost allocation,
- Dispute resolution,
- Monitoring
- Schedules – Forms and Risk templates etc.



How is the Code working

Industry Survey Results:

- 63% response rate – 58% from CM's, 77% from UO's 😐
- 35% CM's using Global CAR's (added in the 2014 Code Review) 😊
- Low WCN:CAR ratio – 43% 😞
- Low number of NCN's to remedial actions required 😞
- 36% of UO's reported no asset strikes, or failed to report 😞
- Poor data provided on strikes, plans, mark-outs, and stand-overs 😞



Possible Code Review Implications

- KPI description in the Code
- CM recording systems (available software options)
- Improved works management and WCN's
- NCN requirements
- Accuracy of utility asset strike recording
- Sanctions for non reporting (amendments to the Act?)



2018 Code Review

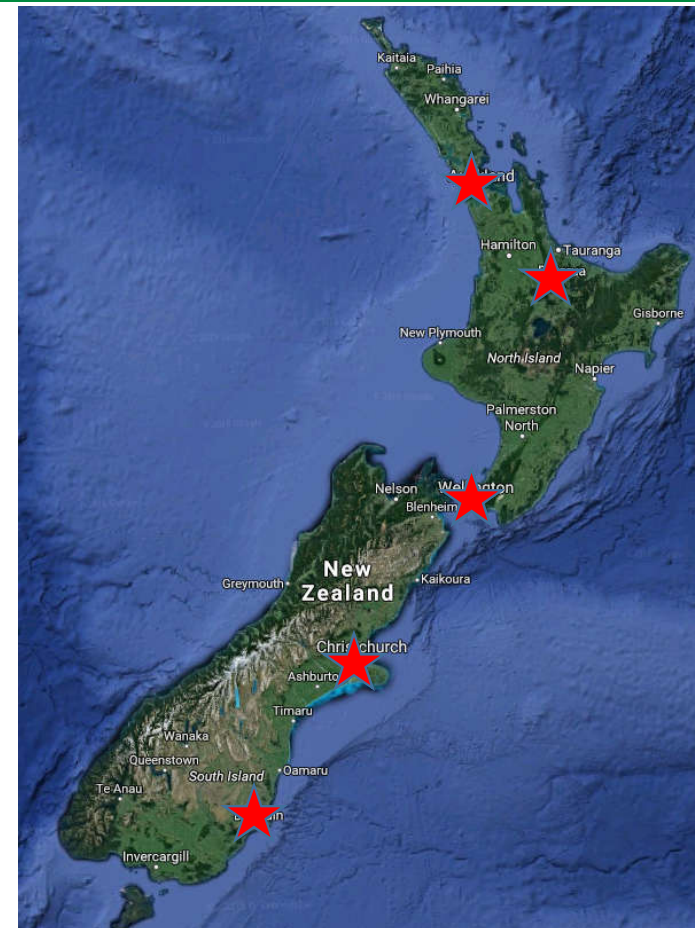
What we would like to know from you:

- What's working and should be kept?
- What's not working and should be changed?
- Why isn't it working?
- How can the Code be changed to make it work?



Code review promotion

- Seminars in 5 centres June/July:
 - Auckland
 - Rotorua
 - Wellington
 - Christchurch
 - Dunedin
- \$50 registration (lunch provided)
- NZIHT organising for NZUAG
- Details to be posted on website



Your chance to contribute to Review



Code review promotion (C'td)

In addition to the 5 seminars:

NZUAG running 3 dedicated webinar type sessions to engage with all other centres:

- Using Zoom (Skype like) technology
- Interactive presentation
- Q & A opportunity
- Dates

Keep an eye on nzuag.org.nz for details



2018 Code Review Project Plan

Code Review launch:	22 March
1 st submission period:	March – May
Code Review promotion:	June – July
2 nd submission period:	July – September
Code document updated:	October
Legal Review:	October
Treasury Review:	December
Minister's Approval:	March 2019
Updated Code published:	March 2019



Conclusion

- The Code is critical to the industry
- The Code Review is important
- There are many chances for you to have your say

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Questions