How the Code Affects Your Business

- Compliance with the Code is mandatory under the Utilities Access Act 2010
- Provides the processes for Utilities Operators and Corridor Managers to exercise and manage their rights and responsibilities for work in the transport corridors
- It sets out reasonable conditions of access and statutory time-frames
- Sets out dispute resolution process

Key Objectives of NZUAG

- Sharing forward work plans and information
- Working towards a balance of interests
- Maintaining integrity of transport corridor and utility assets
- Ensuring safety and efficiency
- Eliminating, isolating or minimising road safety hazards
- Encouraging sharing of trenches and poles
- Encouraging new technology approaches

The NZUAG is keen to have all relevant parties involved in its work and show their commitment to the Code and the outcomes it seeks to deliver for the benefit of all New Zealanders.

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Who Are We?

The New Zealand Utilities Advisory Group (NZUAG) Inc. is a not-for-profit, joint consultative group of road and rail owners and utility operators working together to create outcomes to benefit all road users and communities. The NZUAG is the guardian of the *National Code of Practice for Utility Operators' Access to Transport Corridors* (the Code), under the industry governance model preferred by Government.

Through its Board, NZUAG is responsible for the administration and effective implementation of the Code.

NZUAG provides information and support on issues relating to utility operators' access to road and rail corridors, including access to the Code, assistance on its interpretation, education and awareness, downloadable resources, news and events.

The Code

The National Code of Practice is Secondary Legislation under the Utilities Access Act 2010, and so is mandatory for all parties. As such it applies to the activities of all road and rail corridor managers and utility operators throughout New Zealand.

The Code regulates the management of Utility Operators' access to transport corridors, recognizing that the ability of utilities to get in and out of the corridor as efficiently as possible to install, maintain and upgrade network infrastructure is critical to New Zealand's economy and overall quality of life.

Becoming a Member of NZUAG

NZUAG has two types of membership: Full and Associate. Full membership is divided into the three categories: Corridor Managers, Utility Operators, and Contractors and other Industry Bodies, with any other organisations and interested individuals able to become associate members.

The following table shows full member categories and the sectors they represent.

Corridor Managers	Utility Operators	Contractors & Industry Bodies
• National rail • National roads • Local Authority roads	• Electricity • Gas • Telecoms • 3 Waters	• Contracting organisations • Industry bodies & Associations

NZUAG membership demonstrates a commitment to the work of NZUAG and support for the National Code of Practice.

Membership Criteria and Costs

Membership Criteria	AGM votes	Cost (excl GST)
Full Members		
<u>Tier 3</u> NZTA, Auckland Transport, UO's with > 500,000 customers	3	$6,335
<u>Tier 2</u> Metropolitan TLA's, UO's with 100,000 – 500,000 customers, Kiwirail, large scale contractors	2	$4,223
<u>Tier 1</u> Rural/ provincial TLA's, UO's with < 100,000 customers, small/ medium scale contractors, Industry bodies & Associations	1	$2,112
Associate Members		
Any non full members	-	$1,056

Entitlements of all members

- Right to make sub-committee nominations
- Right to attend Board meetings
- Right purchase *Working Safely in the Road* Handbooks at member pricing

Additional entitlements of Full members

- Opportunity for their staff or Board members to be appointed to the NZUAG Board as a sector representative
- The right to call a Special General Meeting