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## National IQP Register Update on Developments

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It is now confirmed that IQPs will NOT transition into becoming LBPs by 30 November 2010. Instead the decision has been taken to leave the status quo situation in place (that is: IQPs are approved by local Councils under the rules of the Building Act 1991). Work is being done to explore the issues involved in the creation of the very first National IQP Register.

There are 20 different "IQP Registers" operating around New Zealand, 5 of which are group registers. It is estimated that there are 2,000 IQPs in New Zealand with an even larger number of staff working to support the IQPs activities. It is expensive and inefficient to have this number of people apply to 20 different registers with varying criteria for approval, timeframes and costs to do so.

Over the past year a group of Council - IQP register and industry representatives has been meeting with the Department of Building and Housing on a project to look at the registration of IQPs. The Council and IQP representative on this project are:

- Phil Saunders, Chair Waikato-Bay of Plenty region IQP register.
- Ian Godfrey, Auckland City Council, Chair Auckland region IQP register.
- Michael Skelton, Hastings District Council, chair East Coast region IQP register
- Simon Tonkin, Invercargill City Council, South Island region IQP register
- (more recently) Bruce Rogers, Whangarei District Council, Northland region IQP register
- Robert Tierney, Wellington City Council, Wellington region IQP register

There are also industry representatives from the Fire Protection Association, Heating, Ventilation and Air -conditioning Contractors Association, Master Plumbers, Water New Zealand, Association of Building and Compliance Managers, and the Lift industry.

Funding support is being sought from the Department of Building and Housing to advance this project to a full feasibility study, with accompanying business and financial model.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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