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**SPECIAL NOTICE TO HASANZ MEMBERS**

I’m proud to announce that the HASANZ Register of Health and Safety Professionals (HASANZ Register) is open for business at [www.register.hasanz.org.nz](http://www.register.hasanz.org.nz)

The HASANZ Register was officially launched by WorkSafe Chief Executive Nicole Rosie on Friday 27 July. HASANZ’s AGM was held on the same day and a copy of our [Annual Report 2017/18](https://www.hasanz.org.nz/site_files/11371/upload_files/Annualreport2018final.pdf?dl=1) is attached for your information and is also available on the HASANZ website.



The launch of the HASANZ Register marks a significant milestone for HASANZ and it’s also a major milestone for the workplace health and safety sector as a whole.

For the first time, businesses have free access to a national, online register of verified health and safety professionals to find quality, reliable health and safety advice.

This is a big step towards greater recognition of health and safety professionals across all disciplines and your critical role in making New Zealand workplaces safer and healthier.

The launch of the HASANZ Register is a collective achievement. It is the culmination of many years of work, especially by our HASANZ member associations. Together, they collaborated on building the common framework of registration standards that underpins the Register and identified the different search categories. Most importantly, they have put in a mammoth effort to attain Full Membership of HASANZ and all that entails. They continue to play a key role in supporting the Register by vetting applications.

Thanks also go to every health and safety professional who has put themselves through the rigorous process of applying to list on the Register. Sincere congratulations if you have already succeeded in earning HASANZ Registered status. Don’t worry if you’re not there yet; there is time to earn your place on the Register alongside your peers. The HASANZ Register opened for business with more than listed 100 professionals. Not every skill and location is well covered, but this is just the beginning. We are confident that the Register will grow over time with the demand for HASANZ Registered professionals.

Insisting on consistent standards across disciplines is a mark of maturity for the workplace health and safety sector. It’s about growing professionalism and strengthening the system. Above all, the HASANZ Register will deliver trusted advisers for healthier and safer workplaces.

The HASANZ Register has been made possible with generous funding from ACC and WorkSafe New Zealand. They have invested in it because they are convinced of its value.

Please find attached a copy of the media release announcing the launch of the HASANZ Register. We’re supporting the launch with an extensive communication campaign spanning social media, industry publications and national media including an interview with HASANZ Chair Mike O’Brien by Kathryn Ryan on National Radio last week. ACC and WorkSafe are actively promoting the Register with a link from their websites to it.

And we’ve created resources for businesses to help them use the Register. Please help us by directing them to our [HASANZ Register search tips business card](https://www.hasanz.org.nz/site_files/11371/upload_files/HASANZRegistertipsbusinesscardfinal.pdf?dl=1) and the [HASANZ Register flyer](https://www.hasanz.org.nz/site_files/11371/upload_files/Registerflyerpostlaunch.pdf?dl=1). You can also spread the word through social media by liking our [LinkedIn post](https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6429445800421613568).

This is a watershed moment for workplace health and safety professionals in New Zealand – thank you for your part in getting us here.



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