Proposed changes to Transporting NZ's constitution and governance structure

We are proposing changes to our constitution and governance structure. Our Operator, Corporate and Life Members will for the first time be able to directly nominate and elect Board members, Sector Group leads and Endowment Committee members.

The changes we are proposing will allow us to replace our complex regional governance structure with a single national membership structure. Updating the constitution will enable us to deliver the services our members want now and in the future and ensure we comply with the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

Transporting New Zealand has worked with your Regional Association executives, supported by lawyers with expertise in constitutional law and incorporated societies, and two regional advisory groups to develop a draft the proposed changes to our constitution.

Transporting New Zealand's Members

Made up of Operator, Corporate, Life, Retired and Associate Members.



Annual elections at Transporting New Zealand's AGM

Transporting New Zealand Board

- Governs Transporting New Zealand.
- 5 elected members + 1 optional paid ind. board member (with a desirable skill set or qualifications).
- Must be both a South and North Island board member.
 - Two year terms (three term max), 3 year chair maximum

Endowment Committee

- Administers regional legacy funds.
- 4 elected members (including mandatory upper/ lower NI and SI members).
- Considers funding requests subject to the Grant Policy.
 - 3 year (staged) terms.

Industry Sector Groups

- Unincorporated working groups / sub committees to support advocacy and networking. Allocated a budget by the Board.
- Roads & Vehicles, Bulk and Specialised, Rural, General Freight, Logging, Ports and any other determined by the Board.
 - 2-8 members (must be both a South and North Island member).
 - At least 4 meetings per year, including 1 in-person meeting.
 - 1 meeting with the Board per year.

Programme of regional events and networking opportunities

- Staff and member volunteers will run local meetings and networking opportunities across North and South Islands.
- Provision for unincorporated branches to be established to support events, member connections and local advocacy (upon application from 15 or more TNZ members).
- Transporting New Zealand's CE is accountable to the Board for TNZ's performance, and the Board is accountable to the membership at annual elections (or via special general meeting).