

New Insulation body goes trans-Tasman

The Insulation Council of Australia and New Zealand (ICANZ) was formed in July 2004 to replace the industry association, FARIMA. This new body now includes New Zealand membership reflecting the trend towards common building standards, closer ties in research, testing and other trans-Tasman building initiatives.

Issues of future energy supply, energy efficiency, climate change and sustainability are now high on the agendas of both Governments and Industry. The Insulation Industry has an important role to play in helping address these issues.

The insulation market in Australia and New Zealand has an estimated value of over \$450 million and employs directly and indirectly over 5000 people. ICANZ members represent approximately 70% of this market.

ICANZ will focus on the contribution insulation can make to address these issues now and into the future. It will and will be actively involved in advocacy at both State and Federal Government levels on matters of policy development.

Insulation has a fundamental role to play in improving the energy efficiency of the built environment. But it is also only part of the total mix of product and design. ICANZ will work closely with other allied associations both locally and internationally to provide better data and practical cost-effective solutions to meet requirements for energy efficiency and environmental design in buildings.

ICANZ members are committed to producing products that meet the new insulation performance standard, AS/NZS 4859.1, for the life of the project to ensure the maximum cost savings and environmental benefits for the life of the project.

The recent introduction of regulation for minimum energy requirements in residential dwellings has unearthed a significant lack of knowledge of energy efficient design and insulation performance. ICANZ will provide additional education and information to assist building professionals and consumers have a better understanding of these matters.

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