



PRESS RELEASE

New Director appointed to the BRANZ Board

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BRANZ is NZ's leading provider of research, testing, information and educational services for the building and construction industry. BRANZ draws approximately 50% of its income from the Building Research Levy.

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BRANZ Chair, Dr Helen Anderson, announced today the appointment of Alan Bickers (MNZM JP) to the BRANZ Group Board of Directors. Mr Bickers will be one of five Directors elected by the Building Research Advisory Council who sit alongside the independent Directors.

Mr Bickers comes to BRANZ with substantial experience in the management and governance of construction industry and local government organisations.

He was the formative Chair of the Building Practitioners Board and has served on the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board along with being a member of the Standards Council. Mr Bickers is also a past President of the Institute of Professional Engineers and a Chartered Fellow of the Institute of Directors New Zealand.

"BRANZ is pleased to have gained a Director with the breadth of experience and knowledge that Alan possess. His knowledge of the industry, and financial skills will strongly support the important work of BRANZ" says Dr Anderson.

"For BRANZ to consistently transform research into accessible, actionable knowledge, we need robust Governance skills. Alan will be able to contribute enormous insight and experience to this task."

Mr Bickers will be replacing Mr Ken Stanton who has been on the BRANZ Board since 2012. Dr Anderson paid tribute to the contribution Mr Stanton had given to the BRANZ Board during his tenure.

"Ken has provided wonderful insight and knowledge from an architectural and industry perspective into the activities and decisions of the Board. He has made a valuable contribution to the Board of BRANZ over the past three years"

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