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BRANZ saddened at passing of industry stalwart

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BRANZ has today joined with other building & construction industry members who are saddened to receive news about the passing of Bill Smith in Auckland hospital yesterday.

Mr Smith was a very widely known and respected industry member who was previously Chief Executive of Tasman Insulation and also served on the Construction Strategy Group, the Building Research Advisory Council and the Licensed Building Practitioners Board and worked tirelessly for the industry-driven Productivity Partnership.

BRANZ CEO Chris Preston says, "Bill will be remembered as a straight-talking dedicated member of the construction industry. His experience and knowledge was highly regarded, and we express our deepest sympathies to his family."

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