# \* I understand that by selecting yes, I acknowledge and agree to this declaration

  The submission of this Concept does not mean my research will be selected for funding.

 The material is a true and accurate reflection to my knowledge.

 I have the time and capacity to undertake this research if it is selected for funding.  I have not submitted the same idea to another funder.

 I have spoken to the collaborators listed in this proposal and they are aware that this research proposal is being submitted.

 I have the intellectual property rights to use existing data that I need to undertake this research.  I meet the eligibility criteria.

No

Yes

# Applicant's name

 Please tell us your full name.

# Applicant position

 Please tell us what your position is within your organisation.

# Host institution

 Please list here the organisation you work for, or represent. If you are self-employed, please state that.

# Estimated Building Research Levy funding requested

 This does not have to be a detailed budget, rather an estimate of the total/maximum amount (excl. GST) you are requesting.

# Estimated project duration

 How long the project will take in months/years.

# Estimated start date

 Projects can start from Jan 2026 onwards, but cannot receive their first payment until after 1 April 2026. Select a date from 1/01/2026 through 31/12/2026.

# Research team

 In 300 words or less, provide details of project team members, students, associated researchers and organisations: include first and last name, host institution and 1-2 sentence description of their role in the project. Discuss the person's expertise and explain why this team is the best suited to investigate this particular research question.

# Alignment to our Research Investment Priorities

 For the 2025 funding round, we have prioritised all six Objectives in the Affordability focus area. State which main Goal and Objective you want to pursue.

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|  Affordability Goal 1 Objective 1a |
|  Affordability Goal 1 Objective 1b |
|  Affordability Goal 2 Objective 2a |
|  Affordability Goal 2 Objective 2b |
|  Affordability Goal 3 Objective 3a |
|  Affordability Goal 3 Objective 3b |

# Explain why you chose the research alignment above

 In 200 words or less, describe how your research will address the Objective and how it will contribute to achieving the Goal you selected. If your research also aligns with other Objectives from the 2025 Research Investment Priorities, then please explain which one, why and how. If relevant, please also state how your research aligns with any of the cross-cutting enablers in the Priorities.

# Title of your Concept proposal

 In 100 characters (no more than 15 words), please provide the title of your Concept.

# Project summary

 In 500 words or less, your project summary needs to be concise and accessible, a plain English description suitable for use in any public-facing documentation. Please include a brief description of the proposed research project and include answers to the following questions:

 What is the need or opportunity this research will address?  What is the specific research question?

 How will the proposed research contribute to solving the problem?  Briefly summarise the methodology.

# Outline what impact your research will have

* In 300 words or less, please outline what impact your research will have; what difference it will make to Aotearoa New Zealand's building and construction sector, and who will benefit.

# Explain how you intend to measure, monitor and evaluate the impact you outlined above

 In 300 words or less, describe the indicators or criteria you will use to measure, monitor and evaluate the success of your project.

# Who are your current collaborators on this project and in the future

 In 300 words or less, list who your current collaborators are for this research and who do you intend to collaborate with during the project? Who are the key individuals, stakeholders and partners you intend to work with, and what will their involvement be? Please specify a contact person and organisation for the collaborators you list.

**Important:** do not list anybody you haven't recently spoken to. If you list them here, they need to be aware of your submission.

# Alignment with other work

 In 200 words or less, how does this research link with or depend on other project work currently being undertaken or scheduled to be undertaken by your organisation, by BRANZ or by others you are aware of?

# Te ao Māori perspective and kaupapa Māori approach

 Does your proposed Concept have a te ao Māori perspective or a kaupapa Māori approach?

No

Yes

# Explain how your research includes te ao Maori perspectives

 In 200 words or less, please indicate how your research includes te ao Māori perspectives, and how it includes kaupapa Māori approaches. Make sure you highlight if you co-designed the idea with Māori communities/researchers and/or how the research might benefit iwi, hapū and whānau at place.

# Conflicts of interest declaration

 In 200 words or less, please list any conflicts of interest (perceived, potential or actual, and indirect or direct). If none, please declare “None”.

# Privacy

 The information collected in this application will be shared for the purpose of assessing your proposal. The sharing of this information will be limited to BRANZ staff and members of the assessment panel. BRANZ and assessors are required to store and share this information securely and only use it for the purpose for which it is shared.

 I agree to the information in this application being shared with BRANZ staff and assessors for the purpose of assessing the Concept.