

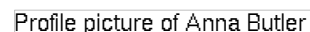
## BSP General Manager update – Codewords 93

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Welcome to our last Codewords for 2019.

As we head into the end of 2019, thank you to everyone who has given us feedback through the many consultations this year or met with us to share your knowledge and experience. It's been a busy year, but great to see we're making progress with your help to support a lift in performance across the building sector.



In November, we published the latest Building Code update as part of our biannual programme of changes every June and November. Covered this time was liquefaction-prone ground, including limiting the application of Acceptable Solution B1/AS1 to ground that is not prone to liquefaction and/or lateral spreading. This means that foundation solutions on this type of land will need to be consented as a Verification Method or Alternative Solution, and brings the rest of the country up to the same performance requirements as Canterbury.

We also made the National Association of Steel Framed Housing (NASH) standard an Acceptable Solution, rather than an Alternative Solution. This will help support higher density housing by increasing the number of construction material options available in compliance pathways. To see all the improvements made during this Building Code update and previous changes, [visit our biannual programme webpage \(https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/annual-building-code-updates/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/annual-building-code-updates/).

An upcoming milestone is the launch of the Accord Transformation Plan in December. This builds on the momentum of the Construction Sector Accord, which we launched in April. The Transformation Plan delivers on the pledge made by government and sector leaders to work together to address the challenges faced by the construction industry and transform it to a high-performing sector. It will set out initiatives that will be implemented in the short, medium and longer term to drive the right behaviours and practices among all players in the sector.

The Accord has generated strong interest with nearly 500 people and businesses signing up on the Accord website to get involved in sector transformation. Public workshops across the country to progress the Accord's work have been attended by nearly 200 sector leaders and interested members of the public. A survey of 230 sector participants found that the sector sees the Accord being a positive contributor to change, and nearly 80 percent said they were motivated to be a change-maker.

I would like to thank those of you who participated in the Accord survey and went along to the Accord workshops. The views, input and support of the wider sector are critical to the success of the Accord programme, and your feedback has been invaluable in the development of the Plan.

For more 2019 highlights, see our article in this issue.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break, and we'll see you in the new year.

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