

Racheal Cottam Bio

Business Owner - OPS Plumbing and Pipeline, Avenue Roothing & Endurance Holdings Limited

Candidate for CCNZ Executive Council

I'm Racheal Cottam, a business owner with over 30 years of experience in the Civil construction, roading and property development sectors. I lead OPS Plumbing and Pipeline and Avenue Roothing, two established infrastructure companies based in Taranaki, as well as Endurance Holdings which focuses on residential and commercial property development.

I hold a Bachelor of Laws Degree from Bond University in Australia which has equipped me with a strong foundation in legal compliance, contract management and governance - essential tools for running complex, multi-disciplinary businesses in today's environment.

Throughout my career I've built companies from the ground up by investing in people, and staying grounded in the realities of small to medium ownership. I understand the unique challenges SME contractors face - especially in regional areas - because I live them every day.

I'm putting my name forward for the CCNZ executive committee to ensure that the voice of SMEs and regional contractors is heard at a national level. If elected, I'll advocate for practical, real support: improved training pathways, more equitable procurement opportunities, and a stronger, more connected industry.

I believe in leading with integrity, building strong teams, and creating a future-focused industry we can all be proud of.

For the Past 34 years, I have been wife to Jeremy, a mother to five children - each of whom has followed into the construction industry and a grandmother to four spirited granddaughters.