

**Kerry Watkins**

*Executive Councillor, Civil Contractors New Zealand (CCNZ)*

Kerry Watkins is a passionate advocate for New Zealand's civil construction industry, bringing more than 25 years of hands-on and leadership experience to his role as Executive Councillor for Civil Contractors New Zealand (CCNZ). His career spans both small and large contracting businesses, equipping him with a well-rounded understanding of what it takes to succeed in this dynamic sector.

Since joining the CCNZ Executive Council, Kerry enjoyed playing a role in shaping the direction of the industry. He also sits on the Audit and Risk Sub-Committee, providing vital contributions to the organisation's financial oversight and governance. A respected leader, Kerry offers the Council a balance of current, practical business knowledge and strategic capability, thriving on the challenges and excitement inherent in the contracting environment.



Kerry's governance credentials are demonstrated by his completion of the Institute of Directors' Governance Essentials and the Ernst & Young Executive Programme, which underpin his strong strategic insight and board-level experience. He holds an NZCE (Civil), an NZIM Advanced Diploma in Management, and is a member of IPENZ.

A long-standing contributor to CCNZ at the regional level, Kerry has served on the Waikato Branch Executive Committee for the past 12 years, recently stepping down as Vice Chair. Over his years in the industry Kerry has gained relationships across industry giving the ability to understand issues and advocate for and get best outcomes for industry.

Kerry is employed by Fulton Hogan as Regional Manager for the Waikato, where he is responsible for operational excellence and strategic foresight across roles including project management, regional and general management, and industry governance. He has led multi-disciplinary teams across construction, surfacing, maintenance, major projects, and quarrying.

Driven by a desire to make the civil contracting industry both sustainable and rewarding, Kerry is dedicated to fostering sector-wide collaboration and governance excellence. He is committed to championing initiatives that build the long-term resilience and success of New Zealand's civil infrastructure sector.