

Biography – Samantha Riley

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The future of New Zealand's civil construction industry depends on our ability to attract, develop and retain talented people while building on the knowledge and experience that has shaped our industry today.

I am passionate about creating opportunities for young New Zealanders, encouraging greater participation from women, and helping our industry adapt to changing workforce expectations. As technology, innovation and AI continue to transform the way we work, I believe we must embrace these opportunities to strengthen local capability, improve knowledge-sharing and support the long-term sustainability of our sector.

I am committed to helping ensure the experience and expertise that exists within our industry today is successfully passed on to those who will lead it tomorrow.

I am seeking a position on Executive Council to bring the perspective of emerging leaders within our industry, contribute to meaningful change, and help ensure CCNZ remains a strong voice for both current and future generations of civil construction professionals.