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Tēnā koe Ms Azoulay

DECLARATION OF THE WORLD ENGINEERING DAY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY

We are writing to express our support for Declaring the 4th of March each year the World Engineering Day for Climate Change Action and Sustainability.

Engineering New Zealand is the professional membership body and the registration authority for New Zealand's engineers. We have over 22,000 members and are New Zealand's strongest and most influential voice on engineering issues. We were known as the Institute of Professional Engineers New Zealand Incorporated (IPENZ). Last year we changed our name to explain more clearly who we are and what we stand for.

In 2017 we surveyed our members about the issues which were most important to them. Our members told us that climate change is a priority issue about which they want us to show leadership.

We commit to celebrate World Engineering Day each year in New Zealand by promoting activities and events through our nationwide network of branches, technical groups and societies.

It's our job to bring engineering to life. With the current shortage of engineers, it's crucial to grow our pipeline. It's crucial that engineers better represent and reflect the diverse New Zealand that they serve. This year we launched the Diversity Agenda to drive change. Our goal is to get significantly more women, Māori and Pasifika into the engineering profession.

The proposed World Engineering Day would help us to promote engineering as a profession to young people and to raise awareness about the vital importance of engineering to community wellbeing. We would welcome the opportunity to highlight each and every year the critical role of engineering in delivering sustainable development.

Na māua noa, na

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