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# THE REFORM OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

The Reform of Vocational Education (RoVE) aims to create a more unified and sustainable vocational education system that delivers the skills that learners, employers and communities need to thrive. The new system has a stronger focus on employers – delivering the skills they need, providing more support for their employees and ensuring greater consistency in education across the country.

In this free webinar speakers will discuss a variety of key issues about the reform and its impact on the construction sector, including an update on the status and next steps of the reform; what you need to know about Te Pūkenga and its goals; the Waihanga Ara Rau Construction and Infrastructure Workforce Development Council; how employers can engage in the new vocational education sector; and the role of ConCoVE and its education innovation projects.

Listen to experts from government and industry as they share the next steps for vocational training in our construction sector.

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## SPEAKERS

### STEPHEN TOWN

*Chief Executive, Te Pūkenga*

Te Pūkenga was set up by the government in April and brings together 16 institutes of technology and polytechnics around the country into one organisation. From 2023, all learners will be enrolled at Te Pūkenga and once fully established it will be New Zealand's largest tertiary provider. Stephen will discuss the organisation's goals and the next steps in the national transition.

### WARWICK QUINN

*Deputy Chief Executive Employer Journey and Experience, Te Pūkenga*

As the former Chief Executive of the Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation (BCITO), Warwick joins Te Pūkenga to help support employers and their role in developing a more unified vocational education system. Warwick will talk about the impact and outcomes of the reform for employers, and how they can engage in the new education system.

### ELENA TROUT

*Co-Chair, Waihanga Ara Rau Construction and Infrastructure Workforce Development Council*

One of the most highly anticipated components of the reform is the establishment of six Workforce Development Councils that will give industries greater leadership and influence across vocational education. Elena will explain Waihanga Ara Rau's role and its focus on ensuring the construction education and training system provides opportunities for all people in the sector's workforce.

### GRAEME JOHNSON

*Chief Executive New Zealand, Fulton Hogan*

Fulton Hogan is one of the country's largest infrastructure businesses with more than 4,800 employees across New Zealand. Graeme will provide his take on the reform and discuss the Infrastructure Skills Centre that the company has developed in partnership with the Ministry of Social Development, Civil Contractors New Zealand and the Construction Accord.

### BHARTI RANIGA

*General Manager, ConCOVE*

A COVE is a Centre of Vocational Excellence and is designed to drive innovation and excellence in teaching and learning, while improving links to industry and communities. ConCOVE connects and aligns industry, learners and vocational education to support career pathways within the construction sector. Bharti will talk about the centre's key projects and its current work within the industry.