

Infrastructure New Zealand is proud to be launching the I2S Next Generation Engagement Research Programme for New Zealand. This research will explore how social factors influence infrastructure planning and delivery, helping to build a robust evidence base to support better decision-making across the sector.

To deliver this work, we are inviting infrastructure professionals across New Zealand to participate in a short survey. Your insights will directly inform this research.

We encourage you to watch the webinar linked below for more background on the research and its objectives before completing the survey.

In Australia, community and stakeholder opposition has been rated as one of the leading influences of project delays by infrastructure practitioners for seven consecutive years. This, and other social factors surrounding infrastructure planning and delivery have been the subject of an eight-year research effort by the Australian National University's Institute for Infrastructure in Society (I2S).

"We've worked with more than 7000 community members and 150 proponents who are delivering more than \$230 billion in large and small infrastructure projects," I2S co-founder, Kirsty O'Connell said.

"Through this collaboration we've been able to identify what drives project acceptance and how improved approaches to social risk management, social licence and social value creation can prevent costly delays and improve project and community outcomes."

By partnering with I2S to extend this work into the New Zealand context, Infrastructure New Zealand aims to understand the social dynamics shaping infrastructure planning and delivery here at home and consider how it can shape our advocacy and policy work.

This is an important opportunity for our sector to build a stronger understanding of the factors that influence project success and public trust. Your participation will help to create the evidence base that informs better outcomes for infrastructure projects and communities across Aotearoa.

The survey is now open and will close on Friday 5 December 2025.

[Watch the Webinar](#)

[View Webinar Slides](#)

[Complete the Survey](#)