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Katie is a Civil Engineer with 10+ years of experience in transportation engineering from feasibility stage through to detailed design and site implementation. Originally hailing from New York State, USA, she is a driven professional who is active in her community and has recently relocated to the Central Branch after serving as Chair of the Canterbury/West Coast Branch of Transportation Group New Zealand in 2017. Katie obtained her Professional Engineer (P.E.) license in the USA in 2013 and is in the process of registering as a New Zealand Chartered Professional Engineer.

Katie spent her first two years in New Zealand with Abley Transportation Consultants and was involved in various traffic engineering projects including Integrated Transport Assessments, safety audits, intersection design and site layout reviews. The mountains of Central Otago beckoned to her however and she currently resides in Queenstown where she works as a Senior Project Engineer working on civil and roading projects. Katie's civil engineering degree qualification and design and construction background allows her to work effectively on multi-disciplinary projects with other professionals, understanding the needs and concerns of each area.

Raising Your Head Above the Parapet

Sharing your professional opinion in a public forum can make one feel like they are "raising their head above the parapet." Often-competing issues including limited road space, incorporation of multiple transport modes, health and safety and business development make our civic projects (such as street enhancement programs) increasingly contentious and emotive. We as transportation professionals have the experience and expertise to contribute to discourse in an impactful way and now, more than ever, the country could benefit from technical ideas and guidance.

Our Engineering New Zealand Code of Ethical Conduct holds us to a high standard of professional competence, personal integrity and social responsibility - both individually and as a group. We need to ensure that our processes around submissions are robust, our content informed and our presentation fair and balanced.

This paper will be a neutral thought-piece to stir debate and discussion around the following questions:

- What constitutes a "conflict of interest"?
- Where is the line in maintaining confidentiality?
- Should Technical Groups prepare submissions?
- How do we ensure our submissions are robust?
- How should we handle media requests?

 Then. Now.
Tomorrow.

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A case study will be presented. Let us take the learnings from "then" to make sound decisions "now" and ensure a safe and smooth "tomorrow".

At 4:00pm there is a 15 minute opportunity to share your thoughts, ideas and feedback at the 'Ideas' booth in the exhibition area.