

NATIONAL LIFELINE UTILITIES FORUM 2023

Rebuilding a more resilient Aotearoa (?)



Thursday 26th October
Friday 27th October
Te Papa Museum, Wellington

Registrations are required by the 30th September 2023, registration link:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/national-lifeline-utilities-forum-tickets-652533684817>

Overview

This Forum brings together people delivering infrastructure resilience to discuss the latest developments and opportunities.

We welcome attendees from critical infrastructure organisations (lifeline utilities and critical customers), regional Lifelines Groups, CDEM Sector, research agencies and others working to improve New Zealand's infrastructure resilience and the wellbeing of our communities.

Note: For the first time we are charging a small attendance fee to assist with venue and catering costs and to complement support from our valued sponsors. However, we are keen that this does not preclude people attending, so please contact lisa@infradecisions.co.nz if you would like to attend but unable to cover full ticket costs.

Feature sessions

- Keynotes - Chief Executives from the National Emergency Management Agency, Infrastructure Commission, Red Cross, Telecommunications Forum and Waka Kotahi.
- Government initiatives - Critical Infrastructure Reforms, implementing the Emergency Management Bill, Climate Adaptation Planning, plus workshops / panel discussions.
- Critical infrastructure providers - strategies for rebuilding different, better, smarter.
- NZ's major research programmes - science to support recovery and target future research.

Key information

A full programme will be circulated by the end of July.

Start & Finish Times:	Thursday 26th October: 9.00am – 5.30pm Friday 27th October: 9.00am – 3.00pm
Cost:	\$290 General \$150 Full-time students <i>Includes:</i> - Two days; lunch, morning teas, afternoon tea on 26 th . - GST and Eventbrite fees
Accommodation & Travel:	Participants are to arrange and pay for their own accommodation and travel.

Associated Forum Events

Wednesday 25th October 2023, 9.30 - 1.30pm,
Lifeline Utility Coordinator Forum (invite only),
Wellington Region Emergency Management Office.

Wednesday 25th October 2023, 2pm – 5.00pm,
Complementary Tours to CentrePort and the National Crisis Management Centre (NCCMC) (Details attached)

Thursday 26th October 2023, 5.30 – 6.30pm
GNS Social Event. All attendees invited.

Friday 27th October 2023, 7.15am – 8.45am:
Breakfast meeting for Programme Managers and Chairs of regional Lifelines Groups (invite only)



Pre- Forum Tours, Wed 25th October 2023

Expressions of Interest are invited for the Tours but will be subject to confirmation once numbers and logistics are determined.

Option 1: CentrePort (Expected duration up to 2.5 hours)

CentrePort will host a tour of port facilities including a briefing on current and planned activities. Topics will cover; navigating a large insurance claim for infrastructure, large-scale master-planning, recovery work and the Inter-Island Terminal.

“Creating Resilience - We’re working to create a port for the region that’s more efficient, more resilient, and better able to meet and adapt to future challenges.

The 2016 Kaikōura earthquake was a catalyst for CentrePort’s regeneration. But today, it’s about much more than rebuilding our infrastructure — it’s grown into a new ethos for the company where we are investing more in the health and wellbeing of our people, working more closely with our customers, being more environmentally sustainable and better connecting with the wider community.”



Option 2: National Crisis Management Centre (Expected Duration 1 hour)

Note: with this tour there may be a series of staggered start times through the afternoon to limit numbers on each tour to approximately 15. The NCMC is located in the basement of the Beehive within the Parliamentary precinct. Access will be via the main security entrance at the front of Parliament Buildings.

The National Crisis Management Centre (NCMC) facilitates the Central Government crisis management arrangements and offers inter-agency and scalable operability to deal with any type of emergency. The NCMC is managed and maintained in a continued state of readiness by the National Emergency Management Agency.

The NCMC’s design is aimed at maximum self-sustainability in the event of a major Wellington earthquake or other local disasters and service failures. The tour of the facilities will highlight how this is achieved.



‘EMERGING LIFELINERS’:

Submit your proposal for the emerging professionals’ lightning talk session. Selected presenters will receive a refund on their registration.

An opportunity for students or early-career people working in infrastructure resilience or related research to speak at this important Forum and receive complementary registration.

Aim: To connect emerging professionals with established practitioners.

Objectives:

- Inform government and industry practitioners of emerging research and professionals’ work.
- Provide an opportunity for practitioners working in the field of disaster risk reduction to get to know and develop a relationship with emerging talent.

Format: 5-minute presentations.

- Maximum 5-minute talk.
- The session will last for no longer than 30 minutes, with an aim of 5 presentations.

Suggested elevator pitch presentation content:

- Your background (where and what degree did you study for your undergraduate degree/where and what degree are you studying for now/where and what are you working on now?)
- Your broad Lifelines interests/How did you become interested in Lifelines?
- Your current research/work topic (Think about how this will be useful to the attendees and will be usable in practice).
- Highlights from your studies. E.g. big conferences, successful experiments, press interest in your research.
- Future career aspirations. What would you like to do next? What are your career interests?

Submission criteria and benefits:

- Presenters are to be current students or early career (up to three years post-studies).
- Video of draft presentation to be submitted by 30th August, 2023.
- Free conference registration, if accepted to present.