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The New Zealand Demolition and Asbestos Association and the Bioenergy Association announce the signing of their memorandum of understanding on collaboration

The New Zealand Demolition and Asbestos Association (NZDAA) and the Bioenergy Association are pleased to announce they entered a memorandum of understanding on collaboration in March 2022.

Key to this agreement is a commitment on both sides to enhancing the practices of demolition waste conversion to energy in New Zealand. It is hoped that this collaboration will enhance current demolition and onsite waste management practices for the industry.

This agreement allows for greater collaboration between our associations, exchanging technical information and promote opportunities to transfer knowledge in the field of demolition waste to energy. In addition to this, this agreement benefits members of both organisations as they will have access to events and information provided by the collaborating association.

“A major challenge for our industry has been the identification of potential end markets for building waste products derived from deconstruction activities. This is particularly true outside of the major centres, where logistic obstacles create dependence on landfilling. I see this collaboration as providing continuing support to demolition professionals through material recovery, processing and recycling through energy conversion. It is a mindset change, and as seen as a first expression towards our industry moving towards a circular model. This is, obviously, only one option for our industry, and we [the Association] continue to explore others in an effort to collectively and proactively reduce our waste to landfill.” states Helina Stil, NZDAA President.

Brian Cox from the Bioenergy Association adds that “The recycling of demolition waste provides a valuable source of biomass to replace fossil fuels for energy production. There is a lot of demolition wood which would make an ideal solid biofuel as it is dry and requires only chipping to size before it can be used. The Bioenergy Association has been concerned for some years that demolition wood is being unnecessarily sent to landfill. Partnering with the NZDAA is a win/win for communities reducing good biomass going to landfill, a revenue stream from recycling wood waste, and a valuable source of solid biofuels to replace fossil fuels”

We look forward to utilising this collaboration to the benefit communities by combining the skills and knowledge of both associations and their members moving forward.

About the NZDAA:

The NZDAA was established to maintain and extend the interests of the professional Demolition and Asbestos Industry throughout New Zealand. Its principals are to promote; through leadership; excellent commercial health, safety, environmental and quality performance for better outcomes for workers, businesses, and the community. NZDAA membership comprises of over 90 businesses from all sectors of the demolition and asbestos industry, servicing all regions of New Zealand. Members represent more than \$600 million of collective turnover, and nearly 1,000 full-time jobs.

About the Bioenergy Association:

The Bioenergy Association represents its members based in New Zealand and Australia. We provide assistance and a wealth of bioenergy information to support members' business and promote their expertise and capabilities for undertaking activities in New Zealand, Australian and the South Pacific with regards to bioenergy and biofuels related solutions. Our members include land and forestry owners, wood processors, feedstock suppliers, fuel and energy suppliers, equipment suppliers, manufacturers, consultants, contractors, energy researchers, educators, regulators and investors. We advocate to Government on bioenergy related policy, develop best practice Technical Guides for New Zealand and Australia, host workshops and webinars and assist potential investors in bioenergy based solutions to assess technologies, market opportunities and market risks.