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The New Zealand Demolition and Asbestos Association (NZDAA) expresses its disappointment at the recent actions of a contractor allegedly influencing a worker to report false information to WorkSafe New Zealand while under a post incident duty holder review

In this instance, the actions of the company, who is not a member of the Association, reinforce the need for all contractors who conduct demolition activities, to have and actively promote and use safe systems of work, including appropriate methodologies, and importantly have the necessary skills and experience to do the work.

“While I acknowledge that I am not familiar with this particular issue, structures as they deteriorate over time and use, react differently when being demolished, irrespective of the method. It is really important that those people who are doing the work are not only trained to do it safely, have the right gear, but there is the knowledgeable supervision available who can recognise problems and promptly issue the right instructions to workers.” states Helina Stil, NZDAA President

The NZDAA is collaborating with Totika, and Construction Health and Safety New Zealand (CHASNZ) to develop, and roll out, a simple and standardised Demolition and Asbestos health and safety prequalification. This will allow participants to demonstrate that they have an appropriate health and safety program.

The Association is also in the process of wider stakeholder review of its updated High Reach Demolition, Restricted, and Un-restricted Demolition Guidelines (three separate documents); aimed at providing practical

guidance to demolition contractors, workers and others engaged in demolition work. If you wish to be part of the review please register [here](#).

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 1,500 full-time jobs.