

## **Complaint against Chartered Professional Engineer upheld**

Auckland Council recently had a decision against a chartered professional engineer (CPEng) upheld following an IPENZ disciplinary hearing.

The complaint against the CPEng stemmed from Councils reliance on producer statements. In this case, the CPEng employed staff who undertook inspections on his behalf and then issued producer statements on completion.

Council staff had discussed concerns with the CPEng on at least two occasions around the following issues

- the standard of work being approved by the CPEng staff member,
- the lack of detail being recorded about inspections; and
- changes to design not being appropriately documented and / or approved

The IPENZ investigating committee agreed there was a case to answer and the matter proceeded to a disciplinary hearing. On the day of the hearing the CPEng pleaded guilty and the complaint was therefore upheld. The CPEng was disciplined accordingly.

### **Producer statement register**

If you are planning to use an engineer or other specialist to provide a producer statement for either design or construction, always refer to the Auckland Council [Producer statement authors register](#) to confirm that the person you wish to use is on the register and is entitled to issue producer statements.

We have a number of people who fail to renew or have not had their applications reviewed; we also have at least three engineers who have recently been struck off.