

# WE ARE THE SOLUTION.

The world, and Aotearoa, is beset with era defining problems.

Climate change. Health, and the rise of airborne viruses. Rising costs, and challenging economic times. A massive shift in the way many people work.

Business as usual is no more.

But right now is the most important time ever for the silent heroines and heroes with the skills, expertise, knowledge and opportunity to play a vital role in tackling each and every one of these issues.

The often unseen custodians who look after millions of New Zealanders every single day.

Facilities management professionals can help businesses to cut operating costs, a lifeline during times of financial turmoil. They can identify areas where wastage happens, scrutinise energy consumption, and minimise repair and maintenance expenses, all the while maximising operational processes. This can enable businesses to free up resources, to remain resilient and agile.

Well run, well maintained, clean and safe buildings and infrastructure, from factories to offices, provide the right environment for companies to operate efficiently and effectively, and for a productive workforce, creating a solid foundation upon which our economy, our businesses and our people can ride out a blustery economy.

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Facilities managers possess an unparalleled knowledge of pollution reducing building practices, and energy efficient methods. Well-run facilities use less energy, and therefore produce less climate change pollution – which is vital to reduce the risk of future storms and cyclones.

With the built environment responsible for around 20% of our country's climate change pollution, and half of this from building operations, these professionals are playing a key role in the shift to a zero carbon Aotearoa. Put simply: without facilities managers, we won't get a zero carbon Aotearoa.

Studies in North America and Europe have found that people spend around 90% of their time indoors, and it's likely that the figure here in Aotearoa is similar.

Well-run facilities keep people safer and healthier indoors, and clean air quality reduces the risk of transmitting disease and illness.

As the world changes, and as more and more people realise that there will be no return to the business as usual of a few years ago, the importance of facilities managers will only be reinforced.

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And they are a solution making a significant economic impact. Newly released research has revealed that facilities management is a multi-billion dollar sector, supporting tens of thousands of jobs.

Facilities management totalled \$14.9 billion in expenditure, added over \$7 billion to GDP and supported over 47,000 jobs last year – and these figures are likely to be too conservative.

And yet, despite the solutions facilities management can provide, and the big economic contribution of the sector, the results, fixes and expertise seems to all too often fall through the gaps at the highest level.

That's why, for a healthier, more productive, more resilient Aotearoa, the next government should create a new cabinet level portfolio for a minister for the built environment.

This would focus exclusively on making the most of our existing places and infrastructure – rather than building new ones. It could take the reins on vital projects such as improving and mandating levels of indoor air quality, which could have significant health impacts, ensuring urban areas play a part in a predator free Aotearoa, increase the longevity of assets saving billions of dollars, and driving energy efficiency deep into our built environment – slashing bills and carbon pollution.

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