



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **EMANZ & TSS TEAM UP FOR CARBON CONFERENCE**

EMANZ and The Sustainability Society today announced they are to join forces to promote their upcoming conference to help New Zealand businesses address their carbon emissions.

The Conference, which will be held in Wellington in May, is targeted at helping businesses understand and then reduce their carbon emissions.

Commenting on the link-up, EMANZ Chief Executive Dr Mike Hopkins, said: "It just made sense. We [EMANZ] have been running our conference for 10 years. This year, we're focusing on the practical aspects of reducing emissions and the more people we can bring along on that journey the better. We're adding to the programme and the value and TSS members joining us will only add to the discussion and solutions and accelerate improvements."

Prof Alan Brent of The Sustainability Society said: "I'm really excited to be working with EMANZ on this. Their conference has really hit the mark for years and enjoys outstanding satisfaction ratings. Having TSS involved will be great for both groups and allows a wider exchange of ideas among both sets of members. Let's face it, it's the members of EMANZ and TSS that will actually enable lower emissions through technical advancement and engineering expertise and getting them together for this event will benefit everyone involved – and New Zealand as a whole."

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“Linking up with TSS also delivers better value to our delegates and sponsors,” continued Hopkins. “We expect a substantial increase in delegate numbers because of the tie-up and are introducing an additional stream of presentations, so there will be plenty of relevant, topical sessions for everyone.”

Internationally renowned sustainability expert, Bob Willard, will deliver a Keynote address at the Conference. Canadian Willard, founder and CEO of Sustainability Advantage, is a widely published author with particular expertise in demonstrating the value of sustainability in preparing business cases and how to lead the change to a culture of sustainability. He is also an expert in integrated reporting. Additional speakers will be announced shortly.

The EMANZ conference, in association with The Sustainability Society, will take place at the Harbourside Function Centre in Wellington on 29 & 30 May, 2019. Registrations are open and can be made through the EMANZ website.

## **ENDS**

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The Energy Management Association of New Zealand is a member based, not for profit industry association of energy professionals. EMANZ supports its members through a range of activities that raise skills, knowledge and all-round competence in energy and carbon management.

The Sustainability Society is an interdisciplinary national network established to foster sustainability within the built environment. We hold a complex systems approach to sustainability, recognising that human and natural systems are interconnected and interdependent. The Sustainability Society is a Technical Interest Group of Engineering New Zealand.