



Infrastructure Senior Responsible Owner / Project Sponsor Workshop

Setting you and your project up for success

Sound project oversight is critical for success. Nearly every review into an infrastructure project challenge points to some kind of 'failure of governance'. Yet those we expect to undertake this crucial responsibility often receive little structured support to understand what 'good' looks like in practice.

This workshop is a programme sponsored by Te Waihanga for senior leaders across the public sector to come together and build a shared, practical understanding of effective sponsorship and governance for infrastructure projects.

Topics covered

The workshop presents good practice concepts followed by facilitated discussion. Topics include:

- Governance and oversight vs management – establishing an effective authorising environment
- Exploring how the public sector can be a better client of infrastructure
- Getting the investment thinking 'right' at the start - using the business case as a decision-making tool
- Assurance - how this should add value (and why it often doesn't)
- Effective monitoring and oversight of progress and performance

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Who should attend

This workshop is designed specifically for:

- Senior leaders who are new to the Senior Responsible Owner (SRO) or Project Sponsor role and/or
- Senior leaders transitioning into the SRO role for the first time

It is particularly suited to those who want clarity on expectations, confidence in their role, and a practical understanding of how to add value through governance and sponsorship.

This workshop is not intended for highly experienced SROs looking for advanced or specialist content.

What participants say

- “The workshop brought a lot of clarity in terms of the role of the SRO and how to be effective in it.”
- “(I) have been on governance training before, but this one was the best from a pragmatic and practical sense.”

Facilitator

Karen Tregaskis, a public sector governance expert, will lead the session. There will also be a guest speaker who has significant experience (and scar tissue!) as an SRO/Sponsor of large infrastructure investments.

Delivery and cost

- Full-day, in-person workshop
- Cost: \$495 per person + GST
- Delivered on a recurring basis once minimum participant numbers are reached

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