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Kia ora Sukumar,

As discussed over the phone, we will send through a summary of the event we held here in Auckland last night on the topic of Collaboration in Geotechnical Engineering.

As agreed, in advance of this, below are the questions asked of the panel to open the session, followed by the questions submitted by the audience.

Opening questions:

- How well do we currently collaborate within the industry?
- What some of the successes so far are or have been?
- What are some potential challenges we face going forward?

From here, we opened the polls for people to submit their questions. Others in the audience could vote for the most popular questions.

PolLEV questions submitted by the audience (from top ranked):

- What would be the one thing in your company that would stop or limit you collaborating?
- How do we compare to other countries in terms of collaboration?
- Apart from focus on individual projects, what about data sharing in general e.g. NZGD. How has it impacted project delivery and should it be expanded?
- Should council be encouraging geotechnical peer reviews? Structural engineers have to do so..
- Are we at a comfortable level of collaboration between geotechnical engineering and structural engineering in the industry currently?
- Do you think we have sufficient lessons learnt themes in conferences to transfer potentially difficult but important knowledge across the industry?
- Does more collaboration affect transparency on projects? For instance, when something goes wrong?
- If pain gain is a good model, why not let out most contracts on the same model? Make it equitable to the consultant, contractor and client rather than skewing it heavily against the contractors?
- To what degree do you think commercial interests effect the level of collaboration across the industry?
- Would you say there is an active push towards collaboration when there is a pain gain component involved?
- Do you think the relatively small size and scale of geotechnical industry in New Zealand is helping in creating a collaborative environment? Does this also mean we have less room to create competition? Finally, does this all mean the tax payers may not be getting value for their money spent?
- From the first question (opening), it seemed there was a bit of a theme around client support. What do you see the client's role to be going forward to increase collaboration, and how would you think to foster that?

As mentioned, an app such a PolLEV is very useful to capture responses, engagement, and questions with ease. If you need anymore insights on this, feel free to get in touch.

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