

UPDATE

DATE	31/05 /2021
TO	<u>P4431</u> Committee and nominating organisations
FROM	Ross Roberts, Chair – P4431 Committee
SUBJECT	Update on the revision of NZS 4431

PURPOSE OF THIS UPDATE

The committee revising NZS 4431 has had ten meetings to date. The initial committee meeting was held in via Teams on 15 December 2020.

This is an update of progress to date, which is intended to be circulated to the committee members, who, in turn, are encouraged to update their nominating organisation on the progress of this project.

It needs to be noted that committee deliberations are confidential. This is to ensure, among other things, that committee members are not subjected to undue pressure and that assumptions are not made by members of the public as to what may be published.

Nominating organisations are also encouraged to provide feedback to their committee member(s) on any proposed changes.

COMPLETED & UPCOMING MILESTONES

The project is to be released for public comment in September 2021, with publication due in January 2022.

The following milestones have been completed.

1. Kick off meeting completed on 15 December 2021 at which the scope was agreed
2. Regular meetings set up every two weeks since February 2021 (meeting 10 completed).
3. Working groups set up.
4. Drafting of revised standard commenced.

Upcoming milestone:

Public Consultation period is scheduled for September 2021.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES PROPOSED

No major changes were decided on, but agreement was sought from Building Sector Performance to:

- Remove the NZS 4431 citation from NZS 3604 so that it is clear that NZS 4431 does not form part of an acceptable solution (which would imply that no engineering input was needed);
- Replace reference to the inspecting engineer with a more generic term. The local territorial authority will retain discretion over who is 'suitable';

- Clarify that the standard does not cover engineering design of fill;
- Remove elements of the standard that are more appropriate for a specification.

It was agreed that the format of the standard would be revised to include the commentary in the same document.

The exact details of the proposed changes cannot be confirmed until the final draft is presented to the Standards Approval Board and approved.

If your organisation has any concerns, suggestions and feedback then please provide that to your nominee to present it to the committee.

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