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### **NZRAB issues annual report**

The New Zealand Registered Architects Board today made public its *Annual Report 2007 2008*, which can be viewed at <http://www.nzrab.org.nz/default.aspx?Page=169>.

Board Chair Ron Pynenburg commented: "The New Zealand Registered Architects Board has been operational for a little over two years. As this annual report shows, great progress has been made.

"The Board now has in place robust governance structures, the required personnel and clear procedures for registering architects. The Board began registering architects from 1 July 2006 and this process continues to work well.

"In addition, the Board has been steadily developing its discipline procedures in response to a number of complaints. Further work is still required and this is being done cautiously to ensure that the right precedents are set.

"Looking further ahead, by mid-2011 the Board needs to have in place procedures for undertaking five yearly reviews of all architects to determine whether they still meet the applicable minimum standards for registration. This is being worked on currently.

"During the review period the Board saw a number of changes. In particular, I wish to record the Board's appreciation of Deborah Cranko who served as Deputy Chairperson and led the development of the Board's discipline procedures. This involved a sustained workload, for which the Board is grateful. As Deputy Chairperson she was very active and constructively involved in many aspects of the Board's functions. Her wise counsel and support in regard to the more challenging issues facing the Board were of great value.

"Also, in October 2008 the terms of Board members Brian Elliott and Gordon Moller came to an end. Both brought a wealth of experience to the task and the Board thanks them for their contribution.

"The Board's membership is now confirmed for the next two years, during which there will be no shortage of challenges as the Board completes its initial development phase. The Board has set itself the task of achieving 'business as usual' by mid-2010 and is confident that this will be done."

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