

# From the mouth of babes – Public works career wisdom straight from our tamariki and mokopuna

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*What do we have to do collectively now to bring a new generation of talent, leadership and energy to our asset management profession?*

What is our role as Kaitiaki (Guardians) for the next generation, to support these tamariki and mokopuna, who will create a different Aotearoa of tomorrow? How may we provide fulfilling asset management career pathways to attract this next generation and inspire their creativity within our profession? What is holding them back from choosing asset management or public works?

Let us talk with three important people in my life, one at high school, two in tertiary study and find out if they would consider joining our industry and if not, why not. Let's listen to these young adults talk about their future world, what's important amongst their peers and what and who is influencing their career and life decisions. We will discuss these questions in a fresh interview style.

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