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New Zealand's most significant companies take part in a unique Forum for senior business leaders: the Major Companies Group Forum.

Senior leaders (chairs and chief executives only) of listed companies and other large enterprises are members of the Major Companies Group, where they bring their combined wisdom, thought leadership and premier business experience to bear on NZ's most significant issues.

Facilitated by BusinessNZ, the Forum provides an exclusive platform for senior business leaders to confer on key issues and engage with political leaders, championing commercially-aligned policies and advocating for NZ's success.

The leaders of around 100 leading NZ businesses, from sectors including technology, manufacturing, energy, transport and finance, take part in the MCG Forum.



Our network





MCG Influencing politics

Political leaders, including the Prime Minister, Finance Minister and other relevant Ministers, frequently participate in Forum debates, along with policy makers in relevant areas including commerce, resource management, environmental issues, technology, innovation and employment.

The MCG Forum provides important feedback and guidance to NZ political parties, helping influence policy thinking and eventual law-making in areas important to business.

MCG Connecting large businesses

A key feature of the MCG Forum is its ability to bring together business leaders in a confidential environment with Chatham House rules, enabling frank exchange on challenges, opportunities and new thinking between peers.

The MCG Forum has forged numerous relationships inside NZ's top tier of business, enabling collaboration and synergies between business leaders who would otherwise operate within separate business silos. This connection creates market opportunities and growth potential on an ongoing basis.

MCG Connecting globally

MCG Forum also connects NZ's senior business leaders with multinationals and other overseas-domiciled businesses, including trans-Tasman businesses. MCG members can take advantage of trade delegations and events with visiting delegations, assisting international engagement and export sales.

Leveraging BusinessNZ's deep relationships with many overseas business organisations and with the ILO, International Organisation of Employers and Business at OECD, MCG members are able to keep updated on emerging business issues with international impact.

Other Engagement

Engagement events open to members of the Major Companies Group include the annual CEO dinner, the Finance Minister's Pre-Budget Luncheon, several caucus events, the Mood of the Boardroom breakfast, and BusinessNZ's Back to Business cocktail party. As well, Private dinners for small groups, hosted in major cities and the regions, provide MCG members with opportunities to discuss their business within the regional and national economy with senior Ministers and Opposition MPs.

Leading companies that are members of MCG can gain the benefits of membership for their key business units.

Corporate affairs forum – MCG runs exclusive forums for senior corporate affairs personnel of MCG member companies, focusing on topical business issues.

General Counsel forum – MCG's forums for legal counsel from large MCG companies enable shared analysis of legal, regulatory and policy issues affecting large companies.

Chief Technology Officers Forum – a forum for discussions and influence on science, technology and innovation issues relevant to NZ's largest businesses.

Chief People Officers Forum – an MCG forum that tracks changes to employment law and employment policies proposed by opposition parties.

AI working group – a roundtable focused on the responsible use of emerging technology including artificial intelligence (AI), so MCG businesses can be updated and share insights on new technology.

Health Forum – A forum for large businesses operating in the medicines and health sector, focusing on changes to legislation relating to Pharmac, health sector reform, medicines and disease treatment, mental wellbeing, and corporate health & safety.

Other forums and working groups can be arranged on demand.



The Major Companies Group Key Contacts

Significant NZ businesses are eligible to join the Major Companies Group and gain the benefits of the MCG Chief Executives Forum and other forums available to key staff and business units of MCG members.

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