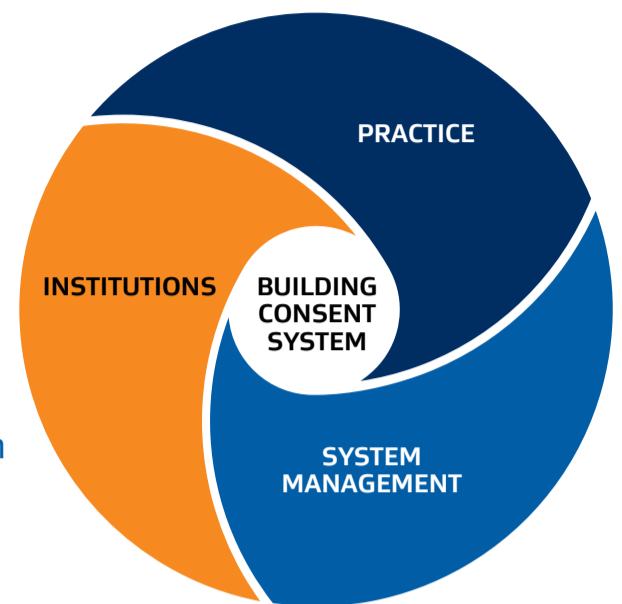# Review of the
Building Consent System

What we're looking at

REGULATORY INSTITUTIONS

› Roles, responsibilities and accountabilities
› Regulator form and function
› Governance and decision making

REGULATORY PRACTICE

› Approaches to regulating risk
› Capability and capacity
› Compliance and enforcement

SYSTEM MANAGEMENT

› Keeping regulation up to date
› Stewardship
› Monitoring and oversight

PRACTICE

INSTITUTIONS

BUILDING CONSENT SYSTEM

SYSTEM MANAGEMENT

The outcomes we think are desirable

EFFICIENCY

› Risk based
› Proportionate compliance costs
› Enables innovation

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

› Clear roles and responsibilities based on ability to manage risk
› Participants understand their responsibilities

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

› Responsive, flexible and agile system that continually improves
› Good information flows and feedback loops

REQUIREMENTS AND DECISIONS

› Regulatory requirements are clear
› Decisions are robust, predictable, transparent and broadly understood

The issues we have observed in the current system

ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITY

› Roles and responsibilities across the system are not well understood, applied or consistently enforced
› Over-reliance on building consent authorities

CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY

› Increased volume and complexity of building work
› Capacity and capability constraints are undermining the performance of the system

SYSTEM AGILITY

› Is not always responsive to risk and complexity
› Does not always deal well with innovation
› Is not responsive to Māori needs

PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND SYSTEM OVERSIGHT

› Performance of the system is not well monitored
› Information flows are poor
› MBIE is not yet the strong regulator originally contemplated

FRAGMENTED IMPLEMENTATION

› Variability and unpredictability for people navigating the consent process
› Variable processes, tools and functions across building consent authorities
› Linkages with other systems

NEXT STEPS – MBIE WILL:

› analyse your feedback
› develop potential options for system improvements
› seek further feedback on these potential options for change