

COLLABORATION THAT WORKS: BOINZ LEADERS FORUM & SYMPOSIUM 2026



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It was a privilege to be part of the BOINZ Leaders Forum and Symposium this year, hosted by the Building Officials Institute of New Zealand (BOINZ) - a key national event that brings together leaders across the building and regulatory sector to share insights, challenges, and innovation.

I had the opportunity to present as a thought leader on Co-Lab Building Services (CBS), exploring what meaningful collaboration looks like in practice across councils and shared services environments.

A few key takeaways from the session and broader discussions:

- Collaboration is moving beyond conversation — councils are increasingly seeking practical, scalable models that deliver real outcomes
- Shared services are gaining momentum as a way to manage capacity pressures and build capability across the sector
- Consistency and resilience are becoming critical priorities, both for councils and the communities they serve
- There is strong appetite for change, with real interest in how collaborative models like CBS can be applied in practice

One of the most valuable aspects of the forum was the level of engagement — with open, practical discussions on how we move from operating in silos to building more connected, resilient systems. It was encouraging to see the sector actively exploring how to make collaboration work in a tangible way.

Grateful for the opportunity to contribute, share insights, and connect with peers across the sector. Looking forward to continuing the conversations.

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