



Darrell Nichol

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Darrell began her career at BRANZ in 2001, where she gained extensive experience in product appraisals, building codes and standards, and developing a strong understanding of their impact on New Zealand's construction industry. Over 13 years with BRANZ, she built a solid technical foundation and a practical appreciation of the challenges faced by building owners, practitioners, and regulators.

She later broadened her expertise at Opus, working across Building Warrant of Fitness (BWoF) compliance, fire engineering, and Independent Qualified Person (IQP) inspections. Building on this experience, Darrell moved into local government, where she specialised in building compliance and BWoF management. Her work included developing and maintaining compliance schedules, resolving unconsented building work, and overseeing IQP registrations.

Darrell now serves as Statutory Compliance Manager at the Department of Corrections, where she is responsible for statutory and building compliance across a complex national property portfolio. She is particularly passionate about building compliance and fire safety, and about ensuring systems are practical, robust, and fit for purpose.

Darrell values collaboration, continuous learning, and knowledge-sharing. She enjoys working with others to solve problems, improve outcomes, and support best practice across the industry. Through her committee involvement, she is committed to contributing her experience, supporting members, and helping strengthen the building compliance profession.

