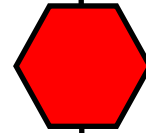


MICHAEL BELSHAM

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Michael Belsham is a Chartered Professional Fire Engineer with 30 years' fire safety engineering experience across consultancies in New Zealand, Australia and the United Kingdom. He holds a Master of Engineering in Fire Engineering from the University of Canterbury. He has served as principal fire engineer on major projects and schools throughout Scotland. Returning to NZ, Michael joined the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment as the senior fire engineer

Michael's current work focuses on education, training and mentoring in the fire safety sector. He is the lead lecturer for the New Zealand Diploma in Engineering (Fire Engineering) Level 6 at Future Skills Academy and teaches fire safety for the Diploma of Building Surveying.

He recently completed the New Zealand Certificate in Adult and Tertiary Teaching through Open Polytechnic.

He has delivered fire safety regulation workshops for local authorities, including Wellington City Council, Tauranga City Council, Hutt City Council, and Kāinga Ora / Consentium.

Alongside his teaching, Michael is Director and Principal Fire Engineer of BelshamFire Ltd, an independent consultancy offering fire engineering design, expert advice, peer review and training. His specialist areas include modular construction, cold and temperature-controlled storage, and fire risk management for electric and hybrid vehicles. He also contributes to industry working and advisory groups for Future Skills, Engineering New Zealand, Standards New Zealand and VEENZ. Michael was board member of FPANZ for 2 years.

Michael is committed to raising fire safety standards in New Zealand by combining practical engineering experience with high-quality education. His teaching builds industry capability and helps learners apply fire safety principles to real buildings and risks, supporting fit-for-purpose design outcomes.