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## **A government perspective on standards & conformance**

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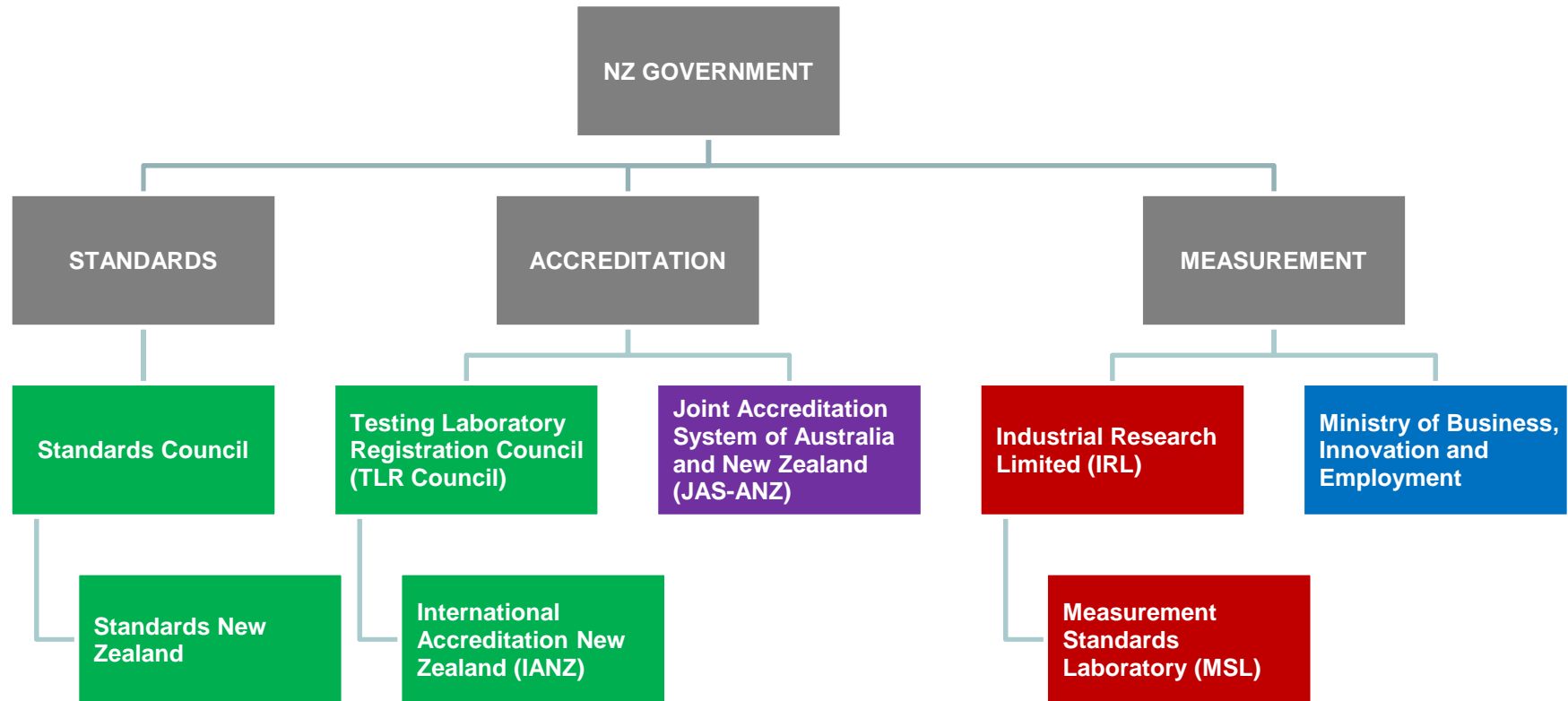
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How do regulators make use of Standards and Conformance?



# Standards and Conformance Infrastructure in New Zealand



Why is the government *interested* in standards & conformance?

## ***Contributing to policy outcomes***

### **Boosting innovation and productivity**

- Process improvement
- Technology transfer
- Maximising R&D

### **Lifting the volume of trade**

- Regulatory coherence
- Confidence in goods and services

### **Improving health, safety, and the environment**

- Establishing expectations
- Verifying if expectations are met



Why is the government *involved* in standards & conformance?

## ***Maintaining high quality infrastructure***

### **Authoritative institutions**

- Independent
- Competent
- Connected to the international S&C community

### **Authoritative processes**

- Internationally benchmarked and endorsed
- Coherent and comparable

### **Authoritative documents**

- Internationally coherent and recognised
- Disseminating best practice



How do regulators *make use* of standards & conformance?

## *Providing fit for purpose tools*

### Regulatory toolkit

- Variety of tools
- Mandatory and voluntary uses
- Drawing on international best practice

### Benefits to regulators

- Regulatory coherence
- Reduced transaction costs
- Technical details
- Communities of expertise

### Changing trends

- Proliferation of trade agreements
- Regulators' use of standards may be changing



## A government perspective: qualitative measurement

**Why is the government interested in Standards and Conformance?**

- contributing to policy outcomes

**Why is the government involved with Standards and Conformance?**

- maintaining high quality infrastructure

**How do regulators make use of Standards and Conformance?**

- providing fit for purpose tools





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