

NZ Recreational Dive Industry Group - Terms of Reference

The NZRDI group provides representation for the recreational sector of the dive industryⁱ.

The purpose of the group is to enable the NZ recreational dive industry to be a recognised, high quality, safe, sustainable, and well connected sector.

The group will achieve this purpose by:

- Being the centre of information sharing within the recreational dive industry; key topics include safety, qualifications, current best practice and the regulatory environment.
- Being the point of contact between the industry and external stakeholders and influencers.
- Representing the industry view to external stakeholders and influencers.

The NZRDI group will have an executive comprised of elected representatives in the following six parts of the industry:

- Equipment – manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors & service technicians;
- Compressor operation - Air filling, Air standards, Cylinder testing
- Diver training technical
- Dive shops – training and/or equipment retail
- Private training establishments and dive training organisations
- Dive tour operators - non training related diving such as guided tours and charter trips

The executive will elect a chair and agree to work within the parameters of these terms of reference.

Election of the executive and executive operational functions will follow the processes outlined in the Executive Operating Procedures document.

Executive operating principles

- Work constructively and positively to achieve the purpose of the group to the benefit of the dive industry, over and above any personal interests.
- Have respect and loyalty to the chair, the executive and the industry.
- Create a safe environment for open and transparent communication in executive discussion underpinned by trust and respect, and respect the confidentiality of group discussions.
- Expect agreed actions to be followed through and supported.
- Where practicable, develop recommendations by consensus, noting differences of opinion when and where they continue to exist.
- Communicate openly and transparently with industry.

ⁱ The NZ dive industry is made up of the commercial, military and recreational industries. The recreational industry includes commercially provided dive experiences, such as guided or chartered trips, and educational diver training. This should not be confused with the private recreational dive sector which comprises individuals and dive clubs.