

Last month I spoke to an engineer who told me that despite paying PEO fees for almost twenty years he had never voted in an election; despite this he did raise several important issues.

If you too have concerns then please share them either with members of your chapter or send them to your PEO Councillor; by *speaking out your concerns may assist in saving a life*.

PEO provides “Guidelines” to enhance our engineering projects, and **your** experiences may be useful in assisting others, every member’s input is important.

My objective is a return to basic principles and a shared understanding of engineering responsibility, setting goals before analysing the facts is a guarantee for disaster.

As regulators we need to establish clear standards in all engineering disciplines. This is an opportunity for greater member input, especially in emerging disciplines or when new technology is involved.

Overseas, the current engineering ‘theme’ is “collaboration”;

- Collaboration with Government, and

-Collaboration with fellow engineers enabling us to undertake projects that are too big to handle independently.

Some look at PEO and see us lurching from crisis to crisis; however we direct our own destiny. Let us collaborate to ensure a stable future without sacrificing assets, or wasting resources.

Change is inevitable- but “failing to plan” often means “planning to fail”,

Misunderstanding of problematic and consequential issues leads to failure and budget overruns.

However, as a team we can improve life and minimise potential problems.

Thanks from Peter Broad, **Your Candidate for Western Region Councillor**

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