

Reserve Bank of New Zealand



The Reserve Bank manages the NZ banking sector risk but that is not what Winsland do. Rather we were called in to assist health and safety risk associated with their property, including contractor management and asbestos risk. The Reserve Bank building opposite Parliament is heavily contaminated with asbestos and any work on the building or its services exposed potential risk.

The Winsland role was to make the building asbestos management plan operational. This included ensuring the nation's money supply and gold reserves held in the vault were not covered in asbestos dust.

A key element of this was development and implementation of contractor health and safety management procedures for the bank. The bank had no systems for this and contractors were where the risk of breach of asbestos controls lay. Thus a full contractor health and safety management system was put in place for managing contractors, starting with pre-qualification and including use of JSA and other risk identification and control tools.