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New Zealand Security Association Applauds Bill to Raise Industry Standards

The New Zealand Security Association today applauded the passage of the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Bill through its first reading in Parliament yesterday. "We have been pressing for this legislation to happen for the past 9 years." said Chairman Peter Freeman.

"As an organisation we have done our best to ensure that our members are delivering security services to high standards. But without the support of current and relevant legislation it is difficult for the public to differentiate between legitimate and professional security businesses and those maverick operators that are unlicensed and untrained.

"The public needs to have confidence that the security people they are dealing with have integrity. People see a security officer in uniform or an alarm installer and presume he or she has been vetted by Police. That, at present, is far from the truth. If such a person knocked on your door offering to check your security arrangements, would you invite them in?" Mr Freeman asks.

"Since the original security industry legislation was enacted 35 years ago there have been massive changes to the sector. Technology alone has changed how the public protect their homes and businesses. In addition, public safety has become much more of a priority."

"Our organisation has been seeking change for the past 9 years and we are pleased that the Hon Dr Richard Worth has continued the work done by the previous government. We support the Bills focus on raising industry standards by strengthening vetting and licensing, and introducing compulsory training for security personnel."

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