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| **Overview of presentation** (300-word maximum)  Sharing your professional opinion in a public forum can make one feel like they are "raising their head above the parapet." Often-competing issues including limited road space, incorporation of multiple transport modes, health and safety and business development make our civic projects (such as street enhancement programs) increasingly contentious and emotive. We as transportation professionals have the experience and expertise to contribute to discourse in an impactful way and now, more than ever, the country could benefit from technical ideas and guidance.  Our Engineering New Zealand Code of Ethical Conduct holds us to a high standard of professional competence, personal integrity and social responsibility - both individually and as a group. We need to ensure that our processes around submissions are robust, our content informed and our presentation fair and balanced.  This paper will be a neutral thought-piece to stir debate and discussion around the following questions:  - What constitutes a "conflict of interest"?  - Where is the line in maintaining confidentiality?  - Should Technical Groups prepare submissions?  - How do we ensure our submissions are robust?  - How should we handle media requests?  A case study will be presented. Let us take the learnings from "then" to make sound decisions "now" and ensure a safe and smooth "tomorrow". | | | | |