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Parliaments are responsible for adapting laws to changing needs and circumstances. They must also preserve the integrity of the Government system by effectively holding the Executive to account. To achieve these objectives and remain relevant to the people they represent, parliamentary systems must remain constitutionally sound while becoming increasingly adaptable. Parliamentarians themselves need to be forward-looking, resilient, and open to change.

As we navigate the challenges of a fast-paced and changing world, Parliaments are confronted with technological advancements, evolving communication methods, information overload, and increasing political and social polarisation. Addressing persistent issues like climate change requires long-term consensus and commitment. The ability for Parliaments to identify opportunities and manage risk in this environment is paramount to our future as trusted democratic institutions.

Next year, the New Zealand Chapter of the ASPG will explore the future of parliamentary resilience in an ever-changing world. Under this overarching theme, we invite wide-ranging discussions on areas such as:

- 1. Parliaments and artificial intelligence:**
Exploring prospects and pitfalls
- 2. Collaboration and creation:**
Elevating indigenous representation in the parliamentary environment
- 3. Engaging through social media:**
Creating strong strategies and content to build trust, engage with the public, and maximise reach
- 4. Parliamentary preparedness:**
From disaster response and pandemics to climate change
- 5. Safeguarding members and staff:**
The importance of parliamentary culture and how we prevent bad choices, bullying, and burnouts
- 6. Transforming parliamentary practice:**
Balancing tradition with new opportunities

We welcome a diverse range of speakers to address these themes and other related topics. The conference will look at what opportunities our changing world brings, and how can we leverage them to overcome the challenges.

Join us at the New Zealand Parliament, Wellington, on 2-4 October 2024
to discuss parliamentary resilience and how Parliaments can adapt and
thrive in the face of change.