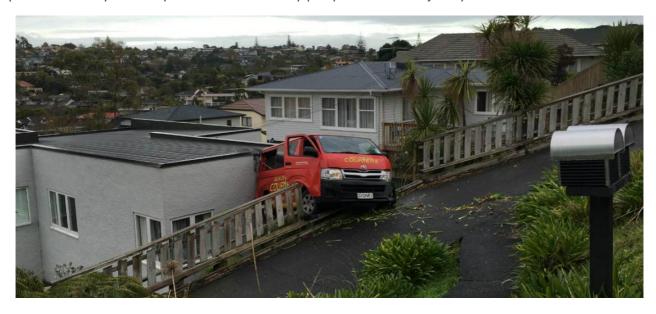## Automation & Ethics

Ethics are all about how a person decides which actions are good and which actions are bad. There is not always a right and a wrong answer when it comes to ethics as different people place different amounts of value on different concepts. For example, would you lie in order to convict a criminal that you know is guilty? Whether or not a person values truth or justice more is likely to influence their answer to this question. Ethics are important as they can help us understand why people make and justify their decisions.

1. **If a human driving a delivery van crashes into a house, who is responsible for the damage?** Discuss as a group until you agree on an answer and then write it into your learning journals. Make sure that you justify your answer.

2. **If a robot driving a delivery van crashes into a house, who is responsible for the damage?** The robot (it only did what it was programmed to do)? The programmer? The company that sold the robot? Or someone/something else? Discuss as a group until you agree on an answer and then write it into your learning journals. Make sure that you justify your answer.

3. If we replace a delivery driver with a robot, what happens to the driver? They will lose their job and their income. **Is it worth it to replace human delivery drivers with robots if it improves delivery times?** Explain why or why not by first discussing as a group and then writing an answer in your learning journals. Make sure that you justify your answer.