

**Taranaki Regional Council and New Plymouth District Council Mt  
Messenger Bypass Project**

**In the matter;**

of the Resource Management Act  
1991

**and**

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Of application for resource consent  
and a notice of requirement by the  
NZ transport Agency for an  
alteration to the State Highway 3  
designation in the New Plymouth  
District Plan, to carry out the Mt  
Messenger Bypass project

**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF GRAEME KEITH DOHERTY ON  
BEHALF OF NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**26 OCTOBER 2018**

## **SCOPE OF EVIDENCE**

The Hearing Commissioner has requested that I provide a written response to two questions. These questions are:

1. Referring to paragraph 28 of my statement of evidence dated 19 October 2018, *does Mr Doherty accept the cost difference between Option Z and Option E is an additional \$183 million for Option Z as confirmed by Mr Bruce Symmans on 1st August 2018 (Day 1) of the hearing in response to Commissioner Daysh's questioning.*
2. *Noting the changes that have arisen to Option E since the MCA process was undertaken....., can Mr Doherty please advise what he considers to be the additional effects generated by Option E to those considered in the original MCA that have not been addressed through written and verbal expert evidence presented during the course of the hearing?*

## **RESPONSE TO THE HEARING COMMISSIONER'S QUESTIONS**

3. I accept the cost difference of \$183M between Option Z and Option E as presented by Mr Symmans on 1 August 2018.
4. The additional effects generated by Option E to those considered in the original MCA that have not been addressed through written and verbal expert evidence presented during the course of the hearing associated with my areas of expertise are:
  - the cost of implementing additional compensation, offsetting or mitigation measures identified since the start of the hearing; and
  - the cost of operating and maintaining any compensation, offsetting or mitigation measures that require on-going work beyond completion of the construction of the project as these costs had not previously been determined. Mr Symmans confirmed to me on 16 October 2018 that ongoing pest management costs were not included, and these are still to be confirmed.

26 October 2018