

Before the Taranaki Regional Council and New Plymouth District Council  
Mt Messenger Bypass Project  
Notices of Requirement and Consent Applications

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*under:* the Resource Management Act 1991

*in the matter of:* Applications for resource consents, 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

**Second Joint Witness Statement – Ecology**

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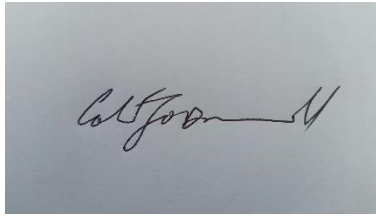
Dated: 23 October 2018

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## **SECOND JOINT WITNESS STATEMENT - ECOLOGY**

- 1 This second joint witness statement (JWS) should be read in conjunction with the first JWS of ecology witnesses, dated 15 October 2018.
- 2 Since the first JWS was issued, the authors of the project's Ecology and Landscape Management Plan (ELMP) have made further amendments to the ELMP, to address the following:
  - Various amendments throughout the ELMP, as set out in Attachment A to the first JWS; and
  - Re-drafting of Chapter 9 of the ELMP ("Pest Management Plan"), based on the version which was included as Attachment B of the first JWS, with some edits based on further inputs from some of the ecology witnesses.
- 3 We confirm that all of the agreed recommended amendments to the ELMP have been addressed in the 19 October 2018 (Revision H) version of the ELMP.
- 4 On this basis, it is our joint opinion that, with the following exceptions, the 19 October 2018 version of the ELMP may be approved:
  - the four matters that were recorded as being in disagreement in our Joint Witness Statement (JWS) dated 15 October 2018; and
  - Table 1.1 of the ELMP, which will need to be updated to reflect the approved version of Designation and Resource Conditions.

Date: 23 October 2018



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**Dr Colin O'Donnell**



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