

**BEFORE A BOARD OF INQUIRY
EAST WEST LINK PROJECT**

UNDER

the Resource Management Act 1991 (the
RMA)

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

notices of requirement for designation
and resource consent applications by
the New Zealand Transport Agency
for the East West Link Project

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF BRYCE MARX

Dated: 1 September 2017

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1. My name is Bryce Marx. I have over 29 years' experience in the construction industry and managing businesses. I have been employed to assist with the process and effects imposed on Ward Demolition Limited (**Ward Demolition**) due to activities associated with the East West Link Project.
2. Based on my recent involvement within Ward Demolition's business and my involvement in working through possible solutions for Ward Demolition's base of operations, I am able to provide a snapshot of Ward Demolition's recycling business set out below:
 - 2.1. Broadly, Ward Demolition demolishes buildings and recycles as much as possible. It demolishes every type of building imaginable. It trucks the material to Ward Demolition's premises, as much material as possible is recycled and the concrete is sold as aggregate. The central business focus is recycling. There are around 25 trucks in Auckland ranging from small four wheelers through to Arctic size trucks and more than 300 pieces of plant and machinery, all of which frequent the Onehunga yard.
 - 2.2. In order for the trucks and machinery to operate at Ward Demolition, there needs to be an acceptable area for turning and operation circles.
 - 2.3. This is a highly **land intensive** business with low value raw materials. By its very nature, it is a business that needs a lot of land and produces low value goods. A reduction in land is likely to have a significant effect on the business given the fact it is land intensive for the production of low value goods.
 - 2.4. Part of the need for land also centres on **safety** for workers, safety for the trucks and having enough area to properly manoeuvre earthmoving equipment such as 50 tonne excavators.
 - 2.5. Ward Demolition recycles anything and everything and salvages what it can. It sells the concrete aggregate, and salvages everything from native timbers, doors, aluminium joinery, roofing etc.

- 2.6. The business needs to be in close proximity to Auckland's CBD. Many of the demolition sites are in the Auckland CBD and the commercial reality is once you move the business farther from the CBD, it is no longer financially viable.
- 2.7. Moving the base of operations farther out of Auckland will only increase the cost per tonne.
- 2.8. A key value of the business is sustainability. Ward Demolition is attempting to take buildings that require demolition and convert the raw materials into sustainable goods.
- 2.9. Ward Demolition provides this service for big and small buildings and customers alike. Clients include big industry players, like Fletchers Construction, through to small factories and residential homes.

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