

**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 PETER JOHN WARD

Dated: 1 September 2017

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BACKGROUND: WARD DEMOLITION

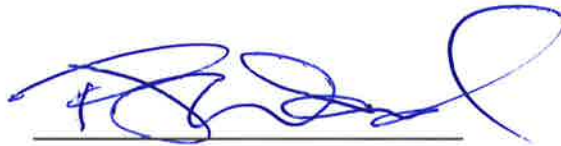
1. My name is Peter John Ward. I am the founder and Managing Director of Ward Demolition Limited (**Ward**). I have over thirty years' experience in the demolition and recycling industry.
2. I attach some notes in short form of the background to my family business and recycling involved.
 - 2.1. Ward Demolition was formed in 1987. It started out as a one man-band operation with a Land Cruiser, dual wheel trailer, a chainsaw, and a couple of hammers and wrecking bars, doing small projects and working in with larger civil contractors.
 - 2.2. This was in my early twenties, where coming from a farming background you did anything and everything, working every hour seven days a week.
 - 2.3. We rented half a shed at Sylvia Park, Mt Wellington pre the shopping centre complex, and I even lived in it at one stage with my wife.
 - 2.4. Our ethos then and now is to recycle as much as possible – doors, windows, toilets, steel, bricks, roofing iron, timber, concrete, the list goes on.
 - 2.5. We still have an outlet at 18 Angle Street, Onehunga, with an annual turnover of around \$1 million. That business was better pre Trademe.
 - 2.6. From the Land Cruiser and trailer, we purchased a six wheel Sline international truck / Bobcat, grapple and breaker. Then a good friend of mine, Brian Black, arranged a purchase of a Komatsu 12 tonne excavator "Buckycyrus" and breaker from Japan. This machine was worked to the bone, at times 24 hours a day, moving from one project to another. "Bucky" was mine and Wards game changer. This machine allowed the purchase of new machines,

trucks and equipment, and my work family of people also continued to grow.

- 2.7. Concrete recycling was the next part of the business to grow. We purchased an impactor in 1995 and leased the Ports of Auckland land at Miami Parade. We then purchased our current site at 15-17 Miami Parade and relocated our operations to this site. This included moving our salvage operations to 18 Angle Street, Onehunga.
- 2.8. Broadly in concrete recycling the aggregate is sold. The concrete is collected from our jobs and clients, the big rocks are loaded into our tracked mobile crushing plant and turned into small sized rocks and then sold. We remove the rebar / steel during the crushing process using magnets, and this is also recycled. This is fairly niche business and there are few other players in the market. It means that concrete that would otherwise be dumped, is sold as aggregate. (Note 4% of concrete is steel).
- 2.9. Ward is now one of New Zealand's largest recycling businesses (and is probably the largest in concrete recycling). It operates a fleet that includes 56 excavators, 22 large trucks, 4 jaw crushers, screening plant and 4 pay loaders.
- 2.10. Over the years we have recycled some very large and significant projects with massive percentages of 90% plus recycled rates.
- 2.11. Ward has been involved in very large and very big projects. From houses and baches, commercial buildings, Eden Park's South Stand, to the Downtown Centre (demolished for the Auckland City Rail Project) and the New Zealand International Convention Centre.
- 2.12. At the moment Ward employs approximately 110 staff and of those around 90 are located in Auckland. It is multi-cultural, has every type of demographic and is probably a significant employer for people in South Auckland.

2.13. I would like to think that one day, my business will be managed by my family. I have three children in their 20s – Tyler, Bayleigh and Dalton. They are all involved in studying business/advertising. So should they want to, I hope they can continue with the family business.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter John Ward', written over a horizontal line.

Peter John Ward