

**BEFORE THE GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL AND HUTT
CITY COUNCIL
EASTERN BAYS SHARED PATH PROJECT**

Under the Resource Management Act 1991

In the matter of applications for resource consents by Hutt
City Council under section 88 of the Act, to
carry out the Eastern Bays Shared Path Project

**JOINT STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF DR JOHN FENTON COCKREM AND DR
ROGER GREGORY UYS**

22 January 2021

INTRODUCTION

1. This joint statement of evidence is on behalf of **Dr John Fenton Cockrem** and **Dr Roger Gregory Uys**.
2. We both rely on our qualifications and experience previous provided in our earlier evidence to the Panel.
3. We repeat our confirmation that we have read the 'Code of Conduct' for expert witnesses contained in the Environment Court Practice Note 2014 and this joint statement has been prepared in compliance with that Code.

SCOPE OF EVIDENCE

4. This joint statement responds to the Panel's *Minute 2* which sought "*A rebuttal statement from Dr Cockrem to Dr Uys' evidence tabled at the hearing on 17 December 2020.*"
5. As the Panel is aware at the end of the hearing there were productive discussions on outstanding issues raised in Dr Uys' evidence. Following the hearing those discussions continued and have reached a position whereby we agree on the proposed conditions (as set out below). On this basis we considered a joint statement to be more benefit to the Panel.

EVIDENCE

6. We have both been involved in an extensive review of, and modification to, the proposed conditions of consent relating to birds as attached to the Applicant's reply. The driver for our review has been to ensure beneficial and robust outcomes for affected birds (with a focus on kororā / little penguins and oystercatchers) such that effects are avoided or minimised (both during construction and operation of the Project) as appropriate.
7. We consider that the proposed conditions attached to the Applicant's reply will ensure that the effects of the Project on birds (with a focus on kororā / little penguins and oystercatchers) will be, in Dr Cockrem's opinion, less than minor, and in Dr Uys' opinion, no more than minor (and appropriately addressing the matters as set out in section 44 of Dr Uys' evidence of 17 December 2020). Dr Uys does not consider that Condition EM.8D, which relates to the funding of a study on variable oystercatchers, as proposed by the Applicant, is necessary or beneficial.

John Fenton Cockrem and Dr Roger Gregory Uys

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