

UNDER

THE COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY ACT 1908

IN THE MATTER OF

**ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO BUILDING
FAILURE CAUSED BY CANTERBURY
EARTHQUAKES**

**KOMIHANA A TE KARAUNA HEI TIROTIRO I NGA
WHARE I HORO I NGA RUWHENUA O WAITAHA**

AND IN THE MATTER OF

THE CTV BUILDING COLLAPSE

**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF ROBERT GAIMSTER
IN RELATION TO THE CTV BUILDING**

DATE OF HEARING: COMMENCING 25 JUNE 2012

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF ROBERT GAIMSTER IN RESPECT OF THE CTV BUILDING

Qualifications and Experience

1. My full name is Robert Gaimster. I reside in Palmerston North and am the Chief Executive Officer for the Cement and Concrete Association of New Zealand (CCANZ). I have a B.Eng in Civil Engineering (Portsmouth Polytechnic/University) and am a Chartered Civil Engineer (MICE) with the Institution of Civil Engineers. I have an Advanced Diploma in Concrete Technology and am a member of the UK based Institute of Concrete Technology. I am a former President of the Institute of Concrete Technology and an examiner for some ten years. I also have an MBA, (AMBA accredited).
2. I have been employed by the Cement and Concrete Association of New Zealand since November 2006 and have been its Chief Executive since November 2008. Since November 2009 I have been a board director of the Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation.
3. Between 1988 and 2005 I was employed by RMC Group Plc, a multinational cement and concrete products manufacturer and marketer and held the position of National Technical & Operations Manager from 2003 to 2005. From 2005 to November 2006 I was employed by Cemex UK Materials, a global cement and building products manufacturer and marketer as National Technical Manager.

Purpose of Evidence


4. I have been asked to give evidence of the submission by CCANZ (dated 30 April 2012) on the Hyland Fatigue and Earthquake Engineering/ Structure Smith *CTV Building Collapse Investigation Report* and the Hyland Fatigue and Earthquake Engineering *CTV Site Examination and Materials Report*, in relation to concrete testing carried out on various columns from the CTV building.

Conduct for Expert Witnesses

5. I have been advised that expert witnesses giving expert evidence to the Royal Commission are required to comply with the Code of Conduct for expert witnesses.
6. I confirm that I have read the Code and agree to comply with it. I believe that the opinion evidence that I give is within my area of expertise, that of concrete construction.

Evidence

7. I now refer to and produce the CCANZ submission dated 30 April 2012.

Signed: 
R. Gaimster

Dated: 24 / 05 / 2012