



**GCCRS Engineering Advisory Group**  
**An independent committee convened by**  
**Engineering New Zealand to support the GCCRS**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Meeting Minutes – 10am 21 May 2021</b>
<b>PRESENT</b>	Tania Williams (Co-Chair ENZ), Barry Brown (SESOC), Stacey Campbell (Co-Chair ENZ), Tony Fairclough (NZGS), Dave Brunsdon (Consultant ENZ), and David Whittaker (NZSEE)
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Kirsty Hamilton (GCCRS), Elsa Marshall (GCCRS), Darren Wright (Director GCCRS), Cindy Jemmett (ENZ Panel Advisor) and Christine Anderson (Legal Manager)
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Tom McBrearty (HOAG Chair), and David Townshend (HOAG representative)

**1. Welcome**

- 1.1 There were no conflicts of interest recorded.
- 1.2 The previous minutes of the Engineering Advisory Group from 19 February 2021 were circulated to members for electronic confirmation and it was noted that publication on the GCCRS website had been done within 20 working days of the meeting date.
- 1.3 Actions from the previous meeting were reviewed.

**2. Update of Panel Services**

- 2.1 Engineering Panel Advisor, Cindy Jemmett and Legal Manager, Christine Anderson were introduced to the group.
- 2.2 An update on the Panel was provided, John Henry has retired and Richmond Beetham unexpectedly passed away.
- 2.3 There is currently a backlog of cases to be assigned to engineers with the oldest being one month. ENZ to discuss with the Panel.

**3. GCCRS Update**

- 3.1 Net cases in the GCCRS have continued to trend downwards over the previous seven months; this trend is expected to continue.
- 3.2 The GCCRS currently has 955 open cases. The GCCRS will continue to closely monitor the Case Category 'Review and Preparation' to ensure cases are not stagnating in this area.
- 3.3 The GCCRS Satisfaction Survey remains very strong, 92% would recommend the GCCRS Service to others.
- 3.4 Word of mouth referrals for the service made up 70% of all ways homeowners are hearing about the GCCRS.
- 3.5 The Budget announcement on 20 May 2021 allocated funding for the GCCRS until June 2022. A Ministerial Press Release is forthcoming to encourage homeowners to access the GCCRS service.

- 3.6 As a result of the EQC Inquiry, MBIE are reviewing the regulation of advocates.
- 3.7 Initial Appraisal demand has increased as expected, with a commitment from EQC to undertake the recommendations.

#### **4. Rubble Foundations Discussion**

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- 4.1 A discussion on Rubble Foundations was had with the group. This discussion was based on previous case studies provided.
- 4.2 The group discussed ideas for a proposal for a special project on this issue.
- 4.3 It was agreed that the EAG members would submit a proposal to ENZ for this proposed framework and funding requirements.

#### **5. Planning for Future Events**

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- 5.1 The group discussed planning for future events. This discussion included consideration for funding, ongoing relationships with stakeholders, and future quality assurance.
- 5.2 It was noted that planning is underway to consider a national service as a recommendation from the EQC Inquiry.

#### **6. Next meeting**

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- 6.1 A proposed item for the next GCCRS Engineering Advisory Group Meeting is the review of EAG and Panel memberships
- 6.2 The next EAG meeting is subject to confirmation.
- 6.3 Quarterly meetings were confirmed.

**The meeting was closed at 12.20pm.**