

New Zealand Utilities Advisory Group media release

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Jenny Morrison appointed Independent Chair of NZUAG Inc

Auckland, 9 August 2013 - The New Zealand Utilities Advisory Group Incorporated (NZUAG Inc) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jenny Morrison as its Independent Chair.

"We are delighted to have someone of Jenny's calibre and experience chairing the NZUAG Inc Board," Board spokesman David Stone said. "As a professional director and Chairman, she brings valuable senior governance experience to NZUAG Inc".

Mrs Morrison is a farmer at Hikuai on the Coromandel Peninsula and is the Chair of the Shareholders Council of Livestock Improvement Corporation, a position she has held since 2009. Livestock Improvement Corporation is New Zealand's largest herd improvement cooperative with 11,000 shareholders and revenues in 2012 of \$185 million.

The NZUAG Inc is a joint consultative group of network utility service providers (water and wastewater, telecommunications, electricity and gas), territorial local authorities, New Zealand Transport Agency, Kiwirail and industry bodies representing both utility service providers and corridor managers. Working together through the NZUAG Inc, the parties have a legislated role to create public good outcomes to benefit all corridor users and communities through the Utilities Access Act 2010 and National Code of Practice for Utilities' Access to Transport Corridors (the Code).

In accepting the appointment, Mrs Morrison observed, "There is currently a great deal of investment being made in infrastructure in New Zealand and it is the role of NZUAG Inc to create an environment where competing interests are balanced and deployments facilitated. It is a sector characterised by rapid change, technical innovation and incredible passion! I am very excited to have the opportunity to work with NZUAG Inc to build on their solid track record of successes in promoting the acceptance of the Code."

Mrs Morrison replaces Myles Lind who chaired the NZUAG Inc interim committee from 2011 to August 2013.

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