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Media Statement

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NZ Utilities Advisory Group is very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Paul Swain as Chairman of the Group. The New Zealand Utilities Advisory Group Incorporated is a joint consultative group of network utility operators and transport corridor managers from territorial authorities, New Zealand Transport Agency, KiwiRail and industry bodies. The Group developed and administers the National Code of Practice for Utility Operators' Access to Transport Corridors.

Mr Swain brings to the group a wealth of experience and understanding of utility and transport relationships through ministerial responsibilities for Transport, Commerce/Small Business, and Communications in the Labour Government between 1999 and 2005. Mr Swain's current and recent responsibilities include chairing the Ministerial Inquiry into Foreign Charter Vessels, Deputy Chair of Wellington's Regional Transport Committee, and Chief Crown Negotiator for Treaty of Waitangi Settlements.

Mr Swain's initial focus chairing this group will be overseeing the review of the National Code of Practice for Utility Operators' Access to Transport Corridors – a regulation empowered by the Utilities Access Act 2010.

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