**[entituling to be prepared by the lawyer – the below information is only to assist]**

**Introduction**

1. My name is Peter Desmond Bates, of Auckland. I am a Registered Valuer and the managing director of Bates Valuation Evidence Limited.
2. I have been engaged to appear as an expert witness by the XXXX, Mr/Mrs/Dr XXXX and XXXX Limited.
3. I have read and am familiar with the expert’s Code of Conduct for expert witnesses as set out in Schedule 4 to the High Court Rules **[OR]** as proscribed by the Chair of the Weathertight Homes Tribunal and I agree to comply with it. **[For all matters, we request counsel email us a current copy of the relevant expert’s code for our file.]**
4. Other than working on this matter, I have no known association with the parties to this matter. Therefore, I consider myself to be independent.
5. I consider that the matters on which I express an opinion lie within my field of expertise.

**Qualifications and experience**

1. My qualifications as an expert are as follows: **[OR]** My qualifications and experience as an expert are set out in the document which is **attached and marked ‘A’.**

**The purpose of brief / instructions**

1. **[Can include reference to being: by way of reply evidence in response to the valuation evidence submitted by XXXX dated XXXX]** I have been asked to provide my expert opinion on the market value of the property at XXXX, being Certificate of Title XXXX, (**Property**) as at XXXX.
2. For the purpose of providing my expert opinion, I have been provided with the following documentation:
	1. XXXX

**Conclusion**

1. My complete valuation report, which also details the various steps taken and information relied upon in preparing my report, is **attached and marked ‘B’.** This includes my inspecting the Property on XXXX **[Date]** and my consideration of various relevant materials (my **Report**).
2. As set out in my Report, I have concluded that, taking into account the characteristics of the subject property and sales relevant to the valuation date in the greater location, in my opinion, the market value of the Property, as at XXXX, was **$XXXX,000 (XXXX Dollars)** including fixed chattels. This sum includes GST (if any).

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**Peter Desmond Bates**

**Affirmed** at , this day of 2017, before me:

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Registrar OR Justice of the Peace OR Solicitor of the High Court