



GCCRS Legal Advisory Group

SUBJECT	Meeting Minutes – 12 April 2019
PRESENT	Miriam Dean (Chair), Victoria Wood (Lawyer, Community Law), Helen Davidson (General Manager, Legal & Policy, Engineering NZ), Hugh Mathews (Independent lawyer)
IN ATTENDANCE	Darren Wright (Director GCCRS), Iain Feist, (Senior Solicitor, MBIE), John Hardie (Advisor Internal Disputes Resolution), Madison Dobie (Legal Advisor, ENZ)
APOLOGIES	Nicola Wills (Lawyer, Crown Law)

1. Administration

1.1 Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

1.2 Minutes and Actions

Members approved the previous minutes from the 8 February 2019.

Key points from the previous meeting were reviewed and acknowledged.

2. Updates

2.1 GCCRS Operational Update

The GCCRS Monthly Report for March 2019 as attached to the agenda, taken as read, was reviewed by the members. The following points were noted:

1. A discussion was held about process markers for the 700 claims currently with GCCRS.
2. The next GCCRS Monthly Report will capture a snapshot of claims categories into original, re-repairs and on sold.
3. The GCCRS pathway has the capacity to bridge technical and legal differences at an early stage of referral.
4. Age Concern has requested that their cases come across to the GCCRS service.
5. An additional team member has joined GCCRS with building and scoping expertise.

2.2 IDRS Update

1. 25 cases have been processed by the IDRS and the service is evolving to cope with growing numbers.
2. An update from the GCCRS legal advisor on the numbers of IDRS referrals anticipated from the Court, GCCRS, S/RES and EQC in the coming months was discussed.

2.3 Update on Training of Legal Panel Members

1. Meetings were held at GCCRS with both the IDRS decision makers and facilitators during March.

3. General Items

1. It was noted that EQC legal cases are now with settlement specialists as part of EQC departmental changes and this is assisting to increase resolutions.
2. There was a discussion on repair methodologies.
3. The issue of case managers dealing with claimants who have debt with the Earthquake Services was noted.
4. Questions were noted regarding post-settlement re-insurability of properties.

4. Review of Agenda

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The next Legal Advisory Group meeting is on Friday 7 June 2019 at 1.30pm.

It was agreed that Legal Advisory Group meeting dates for 2019 would be circulated to members.

Meeting closed: 3.05pm