



Southern Response Earthquake Services Limited

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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Southern Response Board Chairman Ross Butler said:

“Southern Response acknowledges and will cooperate fully with the State Services Commission enquiry.

At the time the contractor was engaged in early 2014, Southern Response was acting in response to an escalating level of threatening and aggressive behaviour and communications from customers towards staff, the Chief Executive, directors, and the Chairman.

Given the environment the company was operating in at the time, and conscious of its obligations to ensure the safety of its staff, Southern Response sought external assistance for a security review.

The contractor was asked to provide independent security advice, and assess the risk to safety of Southern Response employees and directors.

The health, safety and wellbeing of personnel, customers and workers involved on the Southern Response project are of prime importance at Southern Response. Our staff have a right to be able to interact in an environment safe from threats or harm, and the Board has taken zero tolerance stance in respects of threats and hostile behaviour towards them.”

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