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Hello Jo.

Further to our emails 1/11/23, I attach a scanned copy of the remaining evidence that was tabled as hard copies at our presentation yesterday.

Also, I note the query of commissioner Ian Munro about which parts of “The Blessings of Disaster” might be most relevant to PC14.

Whilst I think almost all of it is relevant to the human factors behind potential for disaster and its avoidance being relevant to the risks around PC14, some more specific references to assist the commissioners might be:

- Pages 62-65 regarding planning in flood planes and unintended consequences.
- Page 105 and 136 “nobody is rewarded for preventing a disaster” – hindsight and foresight.
- Page 154 concluding why can be done and should be done to prevent events with massive undesirable consequences, but are not.
- Page 195 – 206 regarding Black swans – unforeseen consequences (relevant to mitigating by sufficient evaluation).
- Between Page 216 and 217. Photos including some from Chch, and one of the “Clown Doctors” helping to fight traumatic stresses.
- Page 240 Last paragraph – the best of intentions leading to disasters.
- Page 250 – 256 – The Tiny Christchurch Earthquake
- Page 290 – 291 also referencing Christchurch, and the nature of the **severe emotional toll, including anxiety, guilt, vulnerability, fear, confusion, disbelief, anger, and “long, long, long reconstruction phase, with all of its own emotional ups and downs...”**

Would you please pass this response to the commissioners.

Nga mihi nui

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