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Attention: Professor Faquan Wu

Dear Professor Wu

**Statement of performance as Vice President (Australasia)**

As you may know, I have for the last four years been acting in the position of Liaison between IAEG and the Australian Geomechanics Society, the organisation under which IAEG members are represented in Australia. In this capacity I have learned a great deal about both organisations and have worked closely with Doug Johnson, the current Vice President to further our members in the region. If elected to the role of Vice President for Australasia, I would continue to work closely with Doug, and would try to continue the initiatives and good work that he has carried out over the last four years for Council and the Executive.

If elected as VP, my goals would be to:

- Increase the number of members of IAEG in the region by advocating on the benefits of the Association.
- Raise professional standards in engineering geology practice, largely through developing training and professional development content around for example the great work that has been done by our commissions and particularly C25.
- Raising the profile of our profession industry, through engagement with other professional bodies and government organisations.
- Foster greater cooperation between members in New Zealand and Australia in areas such as training and professional development.

I think that I could work toward these goals in the following ways:

- By representing IAEG at National Committee meetings of our affiliate organisations, the Australian Geomechanics Society and the New Zealand Geotechnical Society.
- By identifying new opportunities to provide training and professional development for our members across the Region.
- By increasing the number of joint Australia / New Zealand events focused on engineering geology.
- Fostering the existing YIEAG group in New Zealand and encouraging the formation of a similar group in Australia.

One significant challenge faced in Australia is the increasing number of regulations requiring professional engineering registration. In many instances these are unnecessarily impacting the careers of our IAEG members. I intend to use the position of VP to continue the work that has been done by Doug and myself in the past to work with our state governments and other professional bodies to modify these regulations to appropriately recognize the role of engineering geology in the broad construction industry.

Yours faithfully

