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Formerly a partner with Ernst & Young, Roger is an independent financial consultant with 30 years experience of consulting and auditing. He specialises in financial, economic and general management advice. He has consulted to a wide range of government and corporate clients both in New Zealand and overseas. These have included the Crown in relation to the corporatisation and valuation of airports and ports; and Wellington International Airport, Westgate Port Taranaki, Telecom New Zealand, and the Board of Airlines New Zealand in relation to asset valuation and pricing issues.

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