

MIAG and Mcl PC written submissions from oral presentation;

Issue Specific Hearings;

1st March, 2023 (am);

Geology and Soils

Representations made by Andrew Harding;

The 'soil' expert from NH opined that 'Environment Best Practice' was to safeguard the highest quality farming land wherever possible. NH were challenged about why the 'new' construction of A12 from north of Feering, for approximately 5km-6km, was needed when a simple alteration would save the land.

NH lawyer shut conversation down by stating this was not the appropriate time to raise this.

This bad tempered interjection failed to answer the actual question raised at entirely the correct point.

There was no correction from the ExA to the timing nor placement of the question.

Thus it remains unanswered.

MIAG/Mcl PC do not accept that the NH position is correct either on the routing which a) destroys so much land, nor b), the use of Environment Best Practice, and c), that NH can determine when they deign or choose to answer questions without direction or instruction from ExA.

We do not accept any of the NH responses.

Why is the new construction necessary, when an alteration to the existing route would suffice, be substantially less costly and would be 'best practice'?