

**Royal Society of New Zealand  
Councillors' Responsibility Statement**

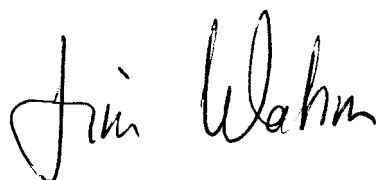
The councillors are responsible for ensuring that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Society as at 30 June 2005 and its financial performance and cash flows for the 12 months ended on that date.

The Councillors consider that the financial statements of the Society have been prepared using appropriate accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable judgements and estimates and that all relevant financial reporting and accounting standards have been followed.

The Councillors believe that proper accounting records have been kept which enable, with reasonable accuracy, the determination of the financial position of the Society and facilitate compliance of the financial statements with the Financial Reporting Act 1993.

The Councillors consider they have taken adequate steps to safeguard the assets of the Society and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

For and on behalf of the Council.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Watson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr Jim Watson FRSNZ  
President of The Royal Society of New Zealand  
8 September 2005