

**BEFORE HEARING COMMISSIONERS  
APPOINTED BY TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**Consent No: 5262-3.0**

**UNDER THE** Resource Management Act 1991 ("**Act**")

**IN THE MATTER OF** an application for resource consent discharge  
emissions into the air from a free range poultry  
farming operation

**BETWEEN** **AIRPORT FARM TRUSTEE LTD**  
Applicant

**AND** **TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
Consent authority

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**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF KAREN BROWN ON BEHALF OF  
VARIOUS SUBMITTERS (THE MCDONALDS, THE HIBELLS, THE BROWNS &  
POPPAS PEPPERS 2009 LTD)**

**4 FEBRUARY 2022**

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## INTRODUCTION

### Name and situation

1. My full name is Karen Brown. Together with my husband, Rod Brown, we own and live at 40 Airport Drive as identified below (orange outline), just to the south of the AFT site:



2. I have made some hand-written notes, which have been put into typed form for this evidence. However, I attach those notes to this statement, for completeness.

### Effects of AFT's current operations on us

3. We experience odour mostly when the wind is blowing on a north easterly wind direction.
4. The smell is putrid and is like an effluent/ sewage discharge.
5. If washing is to be hung out to dry it becomes impossible when odour from the chicken farm is present.
6. The smell is nauseating, and, indoors, all the windows have to be closed and the H.R.V. ventilation system then turned off, as otherwise the smell infiltrates the whole house.

7. I have incense on hand to burn to help mask the lingering smell.
8. We are not able to enjoy outdoor activities or cook outdoors (ie use our BBQ) as the smell will prevent any enjoyment for us or visitors to the property).

#### **The previous consenting processes**

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10. He asked me why we hadn't signed the consent form to continue until 2026.
11. On reply, I stated that we did not want to sign the consent form until my husband was home, and we both agreed **not** to sign.
12. He appeared annoyed and asked if he could come the following day (Monday) when my husband would be home.
13. He arrived, and, as it transpired, we did not sign the consent form as we did not approve of the way the farm was operated, ie due to the frequent, very putrid unpleasant odours that occurred.

**Karen Brown**

**4 February 2022**

40 Airport Drive

Site Inspection 21.1.2022

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