

**BEFORE THE DECISION MAKERS  
AT NEW PLYMOUTH**

**IN THE MATTER** of the Resource  
Management Act 1991  
("RMA")

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** an application to renew  
existing resource consents  
associated with a  
composting operation at  
Uruti

**BETWEEN** **Remediation New Zealand  
Limited**  
Applicant

**AND** **Taranaki Regional Council**  
Consent Authority

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**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF  
TRENT ALFRED AGENT & KIMBERLEE WILLIAMS  
Dated: 22d MARCH 2021**

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## INTRODUCTION

1. We live at 1530 Mokau Road, RD 47, Urenui, with my brother Dillon Willaims. We have lived here for three and a half years.
2. Our current home at 1530 Mokau Road is approximately 1km distance north of remediation.
3. Because we have lived in our residence for only three years we did not know about the recent pre- hearing but our concerns are odour, health affects and water pollution particularly for us, our dogs and drystock.
4. We moved from Midhurst 3 and half years ago with minimal health issues. We are North of Remediation Ltd and suffer stench on a very regular basis and over the last three years have progressively got quite ill. We suffer itchy eyes, itchy skin, tiredness, and sleepless nights, heavy chest pain, shortness of breath regularly, particularly when been outside and skin rashes.
5. We have also noticed with our Greyhounds they get itchy and have skin rashes and they get really irritable. When it is a bad stenching night, our dogs bark and howl all night. We notice when it is smelling that it also affects our neighbours, there dogs and animals. I have also noticed the goats in the bush come out and cry all night.
6. We have kept an odour diary since 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021. I attached it to this statement marked as **Appendix A**.
7. When it is really calm and no wind we smell the odour. When it is windy we smell slight smell but not as bad as when it is calm. We notice it more at night when it cools and early morning and is particularly bad when the fog holds it down. It can take til 8 – 10am in the morning to dissipate.

8. We have smelt it from the cutting before JQ Jones Quarry heading north to our place. When we come back from Auckland about 9 – 10pm when we get to the bottom of Mt Messenger we can smell the stench from RLTD. We smell this all the time.
9. We call the council every time we smell the bad stench. We call about 2 – 3 times per week. We have not seen TRC officers and they have never phoned us back to advise of there findings with their odour surveys.
10. All three of us have been to the doctor from the effects of odour. Kim is currently under further investigation, Trent is still waiting on blood test results, Dillon's skin irritations were put down to the odour affecting his skin and given a vitamin E cream to put on when stench is bad. The doctor said the air quality would cause the dehydration. All three of us suffer headaches when it starts to smell. Kim has also suffered at times disorientation, where Trent has asked if she has been drinking. Kim does not drink!!! Our doctor has sent through information to the Public Health System Jonathan Jarmain.
11. We find when the stench is overnight we wake up feeling really bad and irritable and feel like we haven't slept and want to go back to sleep but you can't.
12. It has put a huge amount of pressure on our Greyhounds as they need sleep but are not sleeping and find when they are racing they are tired when they should have full energy. We are currently leasing to buy and are seriously reconsidering due to the stench!! This has a huge impact on us because it is very difficult to find neighbours and property owners that will allow the number of dogs we have.
13. When the stench happens we have to come inside and close the doors and windows and lock the dogs up in their kennels in the shed with fans going 24/7 and roller doors closed down. We used to sit on the deck and have barbecues and really enjoy staying out but now cannot do this and have to stay inside!!!! We bought a new barbecue and have only used it once this summer. The other major issue for us is the plagues of flies. Have to keep covers on our dogs to keep the flies off them so they do not bite themselves.

14. We have noticed a significant change in our home water supply. In November 2020 we noticed the water outside was starting to smell whenever the stench was that night. I would turn our hose on and smell the stench even before the water came out. We then noticed it in our bath water from our main water supply. We have to change the dogs water in their kennels more regularly especially after stenting nights and find the dogs won't drink the water or tip it out because it smells.

**TRENT ALFRED AGENT & KIMBERLEE HINE RANGIMARIE WILLIAMS**

**Date 22nd MARCH 2021**

| Name: Trent Agent Kimberlee Williams |                    | Location of observations          |   |              |  |                        |                           |  |                           |                                     |                      |
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| Month: January / February 2021       |                    | 1530 Moken Road, Uruiti           |   |              |  |                        |                           |  |                           |                                     |                      |
| Date                                 | Time               | Odour event duration (hours/mins) | Continuity of the odour for this event (tick one) |              | Character of odour (Codes 1-40, see over and use all that apply or use your own words) | Likely source of odour | Intensity (0-5, see over) | Description of effect odour has on you | Wind direction (see over) | Wind strength (Codes 0-7, see over) | Additional comments? |
|                                      |                    |                                   | Continuous  | Intermittent |  |                        |                           |  |                           |                                     |                      |
| 8/1/21                               | 10:23pm            |                                   | ✓   |              | 38 Faecal (Manure)   |                        | 5                         | Odour                                  |                           | 3                                   |                      |
| 9/1/21                               | 6:45am             |                                   | ✓   |              | 38 Faecal (Manure)   |                        | 5                         | Odour                                  |                           | 3                                   |                      |
| 12/1/21                              | 11:53pm            |                                   | ✓   |              | 38 Faecal (Manure)   |                        | 3                         | Odour                                  |                           | 7                                   |                      |
| 13/1/21                              | 11:42am            |                                   | ✓   |              | 38 Faecal (Manure)   |                        | 5                         | Odour                                  |                           | 2                                   |                      |
| 23/1/21                              | 8:00pm             |                                   | ✓   |              | 38 Faecal (Manure)   |                        | 2                         | Odour                                  |                           | 2                                   |                      |
| 1/2/21                               | 7:35 <sup>am</sup> |                                   | ✓   |              | 38 Faecal (Manure)   |                        | 4                         | Odour                                  |                           | 3                                   |                      |
| 4/2/21                               | 11:45am            |                                   | ✓   |              | 38 Faecal  |                        | 6                         | Odour                                  |                           | 4                                   |                      |
| 9/2/21                               | 12:32pm            |                                   | ✓   |              | 38 Faecal (Manure)   |                        | 2                         | Odour                                  |                           | 3                                   |                      |
| 15/2/21                              | 5:27pm             |                                   | ✓   |              | 38 Faecal (Manure)   |                        | 3                         | Odour                                  | Calm                      | 1                                   |                      |
| 20/2/21                              | 6:30pm             |                                   | ✓   |              | 38 Faecal (Manure)   |                        | 3                         | Odour                                  | Calm                      | 1                                   |                      |
| 25/2/21                              | 7:45pm             |                                   | ✓   |              | 38 Faecal (Manure)   |                        | <del>4</del> 4            | Odour                                  | <del>No Wind</del> Wind   | 2                                   |                      |
| 26/2/21                              |                    | NO                                |   |              | NO   | SMELL                  |                           |  |                           |                                     |                      |
| 27/2/21                              |                    | NO                                | ✓   |              | NO   | SMELL                  |                           |  |                           |                                     |                      |
| 28/2/21                              | 8:43pm             |                                   | ✓   |              | 38 Faecal (like Manure)  |                        | <del>6</del> 6            | Smells                                 | No Wind                   | 0                                   |                      |