

**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

**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF
BERNARD PETER COILS
Dated: 22d MARCH 2021**

Statement of Evidence of Bernard Peter Coils

1. My name is Bernard Peter Coils. I lived at 85 Mokau Road from 1986 till 2013.
2. During the early 2000s I spent a great deal of time at the Bakers house at 1358 Mokau Road. I very much enjoyed the jovial character of Syd.
3. As time went by and Remediation New Zealand set up operation in the Valley next to the Bakers property, the quality of life in the valley mostly due to air pollution, dropped dramatically.
4. Attempts were made to get Remediation NZ shut down or at least to contain their stink to their own property.
5. I gave evidence to the Resource Consent Renewal Hearing in 2010 for the local residents, outlining the dramatic effect on quality of life for the Bakers and other local residents.
6. I have lived in the Urenui / Uruti area most of my life. I spent a great deal of time with Syd and at the Bakers residents. Syd and I spent many years working and hunting together. I knew him and Jenny well. During the time of dealing with the stench problem, I saw Syd change from a jovial friend to an angry and very irritated person. In my opinion there were two reasons for this.
 - a. The physical affects of having to put up with this "Horrible Stink".

- b. The fact that TRC didn't really take it seriously, continually trying to downplay the effects on locals and not taking seriously how bad this "Horrible Stink" really was.
7. We used to have lots of barbeques at the Bakers, on their verandah, overlooking the Mokau Road and the Uruti Valley. In the evenings, usually on fairly still evenings, the "stench" would drift down the valley to the Baker's house, due to the catabatic effect on air movement. This "Horrible Stink" would come in waves. As it came in, we would have to move inside. At least the "Horrible Stink" wasn't so bad inside.
8. The whole "Horrible Stink" experience had a very negative affect on the Bakers, particularly Syd. I know Syd lost his temper many times while trying to deal with T.R.C. staff, because they would not accept how bad the whole situation was and they tried to down play how bad it was.
9. Some times , after phoning in a complaint, T.R.C. staff would come out to Uruti, and after hanging around for a short while, say couldn't smell anything. As I said before this "stench" would usually come in waves.
10. On a recent visit to Glen & Dawn Bendalls, around 8.00pm on Friday 5 March 2021 I was shocked at how bad the stink was, and that nothing seems to have been done to stop Remediation N.Z. from polluting the air quality in this area.