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

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF
NIGEL ERIC WILLIAMS AND CHRISTIE MCKAY
ON BEHALF OF VARIOUS SUBMITTERS (THE MCDONALDS,
THE HIBELLS, THE BROWNS & POPPAS PEPPERS 2009 LTD)

15 FEBRUARY 2022

Statement of Evidence

- Our full names are Nigel Eric Williams and Barbara Christine McKay (Christie McKay). We are married and live in New Plymouth, and own and operate an Avis and Bùdget franchisee.
- 2. We own the property at 46 Airport Drive, having purchased it just over 5 years ago; it is currently rented out.
- 3. When we purchased the property, it was with the understanding that the chicken farm sheds would be gone in 2026.
- 4. Our current tenants have been residing in our property for over 2 years, and during that time we have not raised the rent to current market value due to ongoing issues with the chicken farm odour.
- 5. We have been, and are currently, charging our tenants about \$100.00 less than the market rent per week because of these issues.
- 6. Further, our tenants have told us that they can't hang their washing outside when the chicken farm odour is bad, and the odour also limits their freedom to use outside spaces at our property.
- 7. Because of this, we have for the last twelve months also subsidised their water costs in the hopes of keeping reliable tenants (as well as charging them rent below market value for over 2 years now).
- 8. I (Nigel) last visited our property on 10 February 2022 and found the chicken farm odour overwhelmingly unpleasant.
- 9. While we do not live on site (at our property), this has consistently been my experience when I (Nigel) have visited the property and the wind is blowing from the chicken sheds to our property.

10. We do not support the grant of a new consent for the chicken farm beyond its current consent expiring in 2026 and would like the application to please be declined.

Nigel Eric Williams and Christie McKay 15 February 2022