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Attention: Nicky von Ah

Dear Ms von Ah

RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION – RC-2024-0136
Commercial Composting Operations – Kokatahi, Duck Creek Farm

Furthermore to your approval pursuant to section 92(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Council is commissioning a report associated with the resource consent application to undertake composting at Kokatahi. The report is required for the Council to ascertain odour related effects arising from the proposed composting operations including leachate irrigation and to assist in the determination of affected parties.

Odour emission management

Council will commission a report that includes a robust odour impact assessment on the neighboring properties, odour management plan with detailed odour indicator monitoring (e.g., compost moisture and pH levels) and response management. In particular the report will provide for the following:

- a. Review the information provided with the application, WCRC s92(1) request and the response provided by the applicant and determine the adequacy of the information corresponding to the scale and type of the proposal in the context of odour management to proceed with the remainder of the consent process
- b. Suitability of the proposed composting location in the context of land use activities in the surrounding area, including climate/weather impacts on the operation and associated mitigations
- c. If not adequately provided in the application, please provide recognized good industry proactive practices/methods associated with the management of the highly odour causing materials such as carcasses to avoid or minimize odour emissions and methods to self-monitor any nuisance odour levels from it so that these practices can be utilized.
- d. An assessment of wind speed, duration, direction and the predicted nuisance odour dispersion radius based on the scale and type of the composting operation and FIDOL (frequency, intensity, duration, offensiveness and locations). It is noted that the nearest neighbor is c.300 m away from the site. This information is crucial to determine affected parties and notification of the application.
- e. Further methods to mitigate, remedy and/or avoid any nuisance odour dispersion, including adverse effects from the associated leachate spray drift on all properties subject to it.

If you have any queries regarding this please contact Tony Ridge at the Council on 03 768 0466 ext. 8215.

Yours sincerely

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Senior Consents Officer