

**SUBMISSION
ON AN APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT
UNDER SECTION 96
OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

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PART A: DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION

CONSENT NUMBER:

APPLICANT:

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY:

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LOCATION:

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PART B: SUBMITTER DETAILS

Full name/s				
Postal address				
I am the owner/occupier (delete one) of the following property:				
Primary contact person/s				
Email address				
Phone number/s	Home:		Business:	
	Mobile:		Fax:	

Signature:	Date:
Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):	

*If this is a joint submission by 2 or more individuals, each individual's signature is required
A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.*

I/we **support** the application numbers indicated by a tick on the back of this form

I/we **oppose** the application

I/we **neither support nor oppose** the application

(tick one)

(tick one)

I/we **wish to be heard** in support of my/our submission.

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I/we **DO NOT wish to be heard** and hereby make my/our submission in writing only.

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If you wish to be heard, and others make a similar submission would you consider making a joint case with them at any hearing

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you indicated you wish to be heard, you will be sent a copy of the S.42A Officer's Report and a copy of the Decision once it is released. Please indicate below which format you would like to receive these documents in:

☐ Electronic (CD) copy

☐ Hard (paper) copy

I/we **have** served a copy of my/our submission on the Applicant as per Section 96(6)(b) of the RMA

☐ Yes

My/our submission is that: (state in summary the nature of your submission. Clearly indicate whether you support or oppose the specific proposal, or wish to have amendments made, giving reasons)

I/we seek the following decision from the Local Authority:(give precise details)

Important information – please read carefully

Public information

The information you provide is public information. It is used to help process a resource consent application and assess the impact of an activity on the environment and other people.

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Fwd: Von Ah contracting proposal RC-2024-0136

From Russell Diedrichs [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 1:36 PM
To Tin Nguyen <tin.nguyen@wrc.govt.nz>

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From: Russell Diedrichs [REDACTED]
Subject: Von Ah contracting proposal RC-2024-0136
Date: 10 November 2025 at 7:17:44 PM AEDT
To: tin.nguyen@wrc.govt.nz

Dear Tin,

My name is Russell Diedrichs and my submission is on behalf of my brother, Warren William Diedrichs who owns a home at 4 Bowen Street, Kokatahi. His home is within the area identified by the WCRC as an affected person under section 95E of the RMA, 1991. I hold the Enduring Power of Attorney for my brother, a copy of which you will find in the WCRC accounts dept. (Assessment number 774463). My submission follows direct conversation with Warren regarding the von Ah application.

His submission is in opposition to the proposal for two key reasons:

#1. - THE COMPOST SITING

With all the vacant land in Westland, why choose a rural-residential area like Kokatahi in the light of the controversy surrounding these operations? There are other sites more distanced from homes than this, the most sparsely populated province in New Zealand. We see merit in von Ah's objectives ie turning waste into bio-degradable products, but at what risk to our greatest resource - people.

#2 - ODOUR

The 870 metre radius under prevailing SW breezes in our opinion is not correct. About 40 years ago Warren and I built two concrete tanks in the very middle of our 1030 acres property in Kowhitirangi. We trucked in about 15 tonne of fish waste from Westfleet in Greymouth, filling the tanks. Six months later we had usable fertiliser. The tanks were unseen from any public road but one farmer phoned and complained about the horrendous smell, he was the one at the end of the SW breeze. His house was 1.5 to 2.0 km away. Having lived for decades in both Kokatahi and Kowhitirangi, the former has stronger daily breezes due probably to its closeness to the Tasman sea with the Hokitika and Kokatahi riverbeds as unobstructed channels. My argument of course is that stronger breezes would carry odour further. Obviously there is uncertainty with odour modelling but with our experience the dispersal will be far greater than the 870 meter radius, the affect being more than minor.

As a result of the above two reasons we would ask that the above application be declined at the Kokatahi site in the hope that that a more appropriate area can be found on industrial rated land.

Yours faithfully,

Warren W Diedrichs
Russell H Diedrichs