

Jacob Adam McPherson, owner and occupier of

22 Upper Kokatahi Road

RD 1, Hokitika 7881

Phone [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Proposal:

von Ah Contracting Limited seeks resource consents for the establishment and operation of a composting facility at the address provided below.

<i>Consent No</i>	<i>Consent Type</i>	<i>Activity / Location</i>
RC-2024-0136-01	Discharge to land	To discharge contaminants to land associated with the composting operation.
RC-2024-0136-02	Discharge to land	To discharge compost leachate to land where contaminants may enter water.
RC-2024-0136-03	Discharge to air	To discharge contaminants (including dust and odour) to air from the composting facility.

Location:

1047 Kaniere-Kowhitirangi Road, Kokatahi RD 1, Hokitika 7881

Legal Description:

Lot 2 DP 574750, 1047 Kaniere-Kowhitirangi Road

Map Reference:

NZTM E1439182 N5255540

I, Jacob Adam McPherson, revoke any former consent given for the above proposal. This is on the grounds that all the information was not provided to me at the time of signing any documents.

I have now had an opportunity to review the proposal, and I now **OPPOSE** this application on the following grounds:

- The compost piles are 200 m from my back yard where my young children play – this concerns me as the air borne particles could harm my children’s health and my children shouldn’t have to play in the smell from rotting down meat waste.
- The odour that will come from these windrows, spraying of leachate on paddocks and the compost facility, as assessed by the Mote report will have a significant impact on my family and our right to live in an environment that we can enjoy. If it is a hot day I like to open my windows of my home, if the smell is bad, I would not be able to do this.
- The potential health impacts on myself and my family. There are reports from other people that live near compost facilities in NZ that their children have suffered from ill health due to the air pollution. This has an impact on physical and mental health, and I don’t want that to happen to my family.
- The proximity to my home, my neighbours and our local school and the impact the odour will have. As a built-up area we shouldn’t have to have an industrial facility literally on my/our back door.
- The noise from the increased level of machinery working within the facility will impact the enjoyment of my home and section where we spend a lot of time outside with our animals and children.

- I am concerned about the air borne contaminants that could impact my drinking water as I collect rainwater from my roof.
- I live alongside Duck Creek, and I enjoy the clean water, and my children explore the waterway during the summer. I am concerned that run off from the composting will have an impact on the water and my family and I wouldn't be able to enjoy the creek any longer.
- I also think that this type of facility will devalue my property significantly and an ability to sell in years to come would see me take a huge loss. It is hard enough to get into a property today let alone lose money on it.

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

I would like the council to **decline this application**. I don't think an industrial waste composting plant should be this close to a built-up community and school. I don't believe the application contains enough information to show that the effects on my household and family will be less than minor. There are no other facilities on the West Coast like this, so this being a first will have complications and I am concerned that these complications could have a direct impact on the health and wellbeing of my family and those that live around me.

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

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

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

Yes – emailed to: nicky@vonahcontracting.co.nz