

**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 BENJAMIN HOWARD LEALAND
ON BEHALF OF VARIOUS SUBMITTERS (THE MCDONALDS,
THE HIBELLS, THE BROWNS & POPPAS PEPPERS 2009 LTD)**

15 FEBRUARY 2022

Statement of Evidence

1. My full name is Benjamin Howard Lealand. I am the tenant at 46 Airport Drive. My landlords are Nigel Williams and Christie McKay.
2. I have rented 46 Airport Drive for over two years now.
3. I work at the New Plymouth Airport, and so the property is an ideal location for me from that perspective.
4. Unfortunately, we get a lot of odour from the chicken farm at the property.
5. Nigel asked me to summarise the issues late last year, and I sent him an email on 23 December 2021, stating:

Over the years we have been living next to chicken sheds, we can definitely notice the smell from the sheds when they are getting cleared out.

For several days we have to keep all the windows closed to keep out the smell and this can be very annoying in summertime as it's quite hot in the house.

This also stops us from hanging the washing out on the line during this time as the washing will smell bad when outside.

6. A copy of my email to him can be made available if requested.
7. I also have my BBQ outside the front entrance of the house, which is the logical place for it in terms of the house lay-out. But this means that when the smell is bad, I have to avoid using the BBQ.
8. The property is managed by a rental agency, and our rent was increased in late 2021 by the renting agent, which Nigel didn't originally know about. It was a small increase, but every little bit is important.
9. Once he found out Nigel kindly confirmed that the rent would not be increased, in light of the smells from the chicken farm that we have to

put up with. I am very grateful for that (and the rent was put back to what it was).

Benjamin Howard Lealand

15 February 2022