

**BEFORE HEARING COMMISSIONERS
APPOINTED BY TARANKI 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 TRUSTEES LTD**
Applicant

AND **TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL**
Consent Authority

**FURTHER STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF GLENIS and KEVIN MCDONALD ON BEHALF OF
VARIOUS SUBMITTERS (THE MCDONALDS, THE HIBBELS, THE BROWNS & POPPAS PEPPERS
2009 LTD)**

4th FEBRUARY 2022

EVIDENCE OF KEVIN AND GLENIS MCDONALD: POINTS MADE BY MR WHITING IN HIS EVIDENCE

INTRODUCTION: I am giving this additional statement on behalf of both Kevin and myself. Both Kevin and I have been excellent neighbours with Ed and Melissa Whiting since they purchased 58 Airport Drive in 2013. We come from a dairy farming background, and know the challenges this brings to the environment and those that live within and around it. We are used to dealing with neighbours directly to address issues. This Kevin has done in a most sincere and gentle way, since meeting the Whitings in 2013 as noted in his evidence. We therefore think it is highly unjust, that absolutely no weight seems to be given to us Submitters and MANY neighbours, who personally tolerate these emissions from AFTL, who of course do not hear our private conversations when we get together, as to how offensive an objectionable these odour/dust emissions are to us all. How those effects most definitely do cross AFTL's boundary, are significant, and are having a very negative effect on the personal physical mental health well being of us all.

- **#16:** Windbreak installed so dust does not cross the boundary of AFTL farm. Not 100% of dust will be contained, and what concerns me is the smaller particles of PN10 dust particles can still escape through the windbreak. These PN 10 dust particles can have a VERY negative effect on human lung and respiratory function, which for me have been compromised time and time again breathing in these volatile emissions from a broiler farm in such close proximity to my living environment.
- Mr Whiting did drop over to our house approximately late December 2020, and spoke to me. He said he had spare windbreak from his Midhirst operation, and asked if I would mind if he put this up in the corner of his north/eastern boundary. I said "Of course you are welcome to do so." I had planted some young Puka seedlings from around my house on my boundary there, which were getting battered by winds. This spot has a view of the broiler sheds from the vantage point of our driveway and entrance door to our home, so I was trying to shield the view of the broiler sheds. I was grateful. Mr Whiting did not mention to me at all, the reason he was putting up windbreak, was because he was planning a change of operation to free range and to extend his farming operation. I would have thought it a common courtesy of a neighbour to communicate something of such proportion, when he knew we were affected by the dust from time to time from Kevin's visits and talks with the Whitings.
- So you can imagine the shock when notification came from TRC with that information. It has been a long and stressful time since that day, and of course it is not at an end resolution yet.
- **#23:** The herbicide "Glyphosate" I do hope would not be used at all, especially in that corner of AFTL's property and could easily drift over to our home. We know coming from a farming background, the harm herbicides can do to human health. Therefore, if there is no other option we would appreciate it to be done when the wind/air movement is still and does not carry it over to our home.
- **#32:** We appreciate Osflo are in the future going to be flexible and avoid a clean out of the shed's when the wind direction is in the South or South West. However, we have just gone through a day of noisy intrusive truck movement which started at 5 a.m. on Monday 31st January, and continued for quite a few hours during the day. The air movement was from the East and the emissions were heading straight into our office. This was a working day for us

with clients in. Odour was at a Level 4, a very high, heavy, acidic manure type smell and very unpleasant for us all. Also very embarrassing for us to have clients enter into such an environment, when paying for a consultation.

- **#34:** Installation of the roof exhaust fans, are certainly noticeable and rise well above the broiler sheds. Also mentioned further in **#48**, in which was the first time we had read that these roof exhaust fans would largely replace the side fans. These side fans have been of huge concern to us, especially the closest one, pointing directly at the SW side of our dwelling where our master bedroom is (WAS). We could not tolerate the emissions seeping into our sleeping area any longer, so moved to another room. Why should we have to do this in our own home?
- **#35:** Stated *“TRC officers and air quality experts have attended the site over the past year or so – no issues arising from the assessments.”* I have spoken much about not once ever being visited by the TRC officers or experts or assessments/ammonia levels read on our property. The emissions cross the boundary, they at times drift, accumulate and linger around our home and outdoor area, and are often contained within our shelter belts. Sometimes for hours, other times days. This has a very negative, accumulative effect on our life, and on my health. Not once has Mr Whiting ever asked me if the emissions were objectionable to me or affecting me in any way since he purchased in 2013.
- **COMPLAINTS # 36 to #38:** We feel we have addressed these issues enough through our Submission, Evidence and the above introduction.
- **OUR SUBMISSION #46:** It shouldn't surprise the Commissioner, that the public are often not well versed in the intricacies of rules and consents of a regulator, unless they've had to go through a consent proposal themselves. It is only through this application process, that we were actually made fully cognisant of the consent conditions (for which we had to make a special request).
- **#49:** In relation to the understanding that the consent would not be renewed, from our prospective, came out of the initial meeting of Kevin with the Whitings when they first purchased in 2013 as stated in Kevin's evidence. *“Ed and Melissa were very aware, before they purchased the chicken farm that both the NPDC and the TRC had publicly stated 2026 as an end date. The very first time I met them and had a conversation with them, they shared this information with me.”* And also what other neighbours have shared with us of discussions that have come up in meetings with the TRC and NPDC which I am sure they will share in their evidence.

We do not have any personal grievances against Ed and Melissa Whiting. However we strongly believe a broiler farm is not compatible with a residential growth area in this environment.

GLENIS JUNE MCDONALD and KEVIN JOHN MCDONALD

4 February 2022