

**IN THE MATTER** of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act)

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of a submission to Horizons Regional Council on its Proposed One Plan by CPG New Zealand Ltd.

## **STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF PETER HILL**

### **QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**

1. My name is Peter Hamilton Hill. I am a Senior Environmental Adviser with CPG New Zealand Ltd in Palmerston North. I hold the qualification of Master of Science with Honours in Geology from the University of Auckland. I have 36 years post graduate experience, in land resource assessment, management of natural resource administration and advocacy, and water and soil resource consenting.
2. I assisted in the preparation of CPG's (at that time Duffill Watts) submission on Proposed One Plan which was lodged in September 2007. That submission reflected the professional competencies and interests of our company, which is a large consultancy operating in the fields of natural resource management in New Zealand and overseas.
3. I have read and agree to comply with the current Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses as contained in the Environment Court's "Practice Note on Alternative Dispute Resolution, Expert Witnesses and Amendment to Practice Note on Case Management."

### **CPG's SUBMISSIONS**

4. CPG's submissions addressed 21 items in Proposed One Plan, offering Support for 2 provisions, Support with Amendment for 15 provisions, Support with Reservations for 2 provisions, Neither Supporting nor Opposing 1 provision, and Opposing 1 provision.
5. In the light of the Staff Reports on Submissions, and their recommendations on what should be accepted and what declined, we have asked to be heard on three of our 21 submissions. The submissions address Biosolids and Soil Conditioners in Rule 13-4, Existing Domestic Wastewater Discharges in Rule 13-10, and New and Upgraded

Domestic Wastewater Systems in Rule 13-11. It is to these three submissions now that our introduction and evidence is confined.

6. We note that as a consultancy we do not have any vested interest in the outcome of our submissions. The submissions are made on the basis of our active working involvement in these fields, the practicalities of implementing policies and rules, our awareness of the practical implications of the rules proposed, and a contribution to get things right.
7. We note that nobody is paying us to make these submissions, and that in the 29 months since the submissions were prepared and lodged there has only very recently been the invitation to sit down and discuss the issues we have raised with Horizons staff. We therefore apologise for the lateness in the offering the suggested changes.
8. My colleagues Katie Beecroft and Hamish Lowe will present expert evidence on Biosolids and Domestic Wastewater, respectively.

Peter Hill

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