

Resource Consent Applications
under the Resource Management Act
1991

an application to discharge
contaminants (including odour) into the
air from the Roto-o-Rangi piggery at 30
Kairangi Road, Roto-o-Rangi (renewal
of existing consent AUTH
136796.01.01)

to irrigate treated piggery waste water
onto land and associated discharge to
air at 83 and 62 Kairangi Road, Roto-o-
Rangi (renewal of existing consent
AUTH 136796.02.01)

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF MARTYN DYSART

Witness introduction and background information

1. My full name is Martyn Dysart ("Marty").
2. I am employed by Waratah Farms Limited (WFL) as the manager of the Roto-o-rangi Facility at 30 Kairangi Road. I have held this position for 20 years.

Scope of Evidence

3. My evidence addresses the following matters:
 - (a) Response to Complaint 30 July 2018
 - (b) Response to Complaint 31 July 2018
 - (c) Response to Complaint 30 August 2018;
 - (d) Response to Complaint 28 November 2018.
4. I live directly next door to the ROR Facility at 30 Kairangi Road. Because I live next door to the facility, I am often called by Martin Ellis or Bindi Ground to respond when there have been odour complaints received. I am also often asked by them if I noticed any smell or whether anything unusual was happening on site when a complaint is received.

Response to Complaint 30 July 2018;

5. On 31 July 2018 I was advised (via a text from Martin Ellis) that a complaint had been made by Mrs Smith that she could smell strong pig odour at about 11.25pm on 30 July 2018.
6. I told Martin that I had been outside my home getting firewood at about 11.30pm that night and I could not smell any odour. If there had been very strong pig odour I would have definitely

noticed it and gone to investigate as there would be no reason for there to be any odour at that time of night.

Response to Complaint 31 July 2018;

7. On the morning of 1 August 2018 I received a message from Martin Ellis asking if I had noticed any odour on site last night. I understand Mrs Smith had complained that she could smell the piggery in the evening.
8. On 31 July 2018 I had arrived home at about 10.40pm. Because we had received a complaint the night before, I decided to drive up and down Kairangi Road. I could not detect any pig odour. I stopped at the farm gate to the ROR Facility and could not smell any pig odour. I also went up the Monk's tanker track which runs alongside the Smith driveway. I could not smell any pig odour.
9. I understand my observations were forwarded to WRC by Martin Ellis.

Response to Complaint 30 August 2018;

10. At about 9.10am I was advised by Martin Ellis that a complaint had been received that Mrs Smith could smell very strong pig odour at her house. I immediately went out to the entrance gate to the ROR Facility. I could not smell any odour. I also went along Kairangi Road but again, I could not smell any pig odour. At the time there was no wind.
11. At about 9.40am Martin advised me he had received a second text that Mrs Smith could smell pig odours at her house. I went back out on to Kairangi Road. I couldn't smell any pig odour at the gate. I then went up the Monk tanker track. Again, I couldn't smell any pig odour but I could smell a faint cow smell.

Response to complaint 28 November 2018

12. At 11.06am on 28 November 2018 WFL received a text message advising of an odour complaint from Janet Smith.
13. I was told by Martin Ellis that a complaint had been received. At the time, pigs were being weighed on site and they were a little noisy.
14. No other equipment was running such as the separator. No hosing or flushing of pens was happening at that time.
15. Clive Andersen arrived at the ROR Facility at about 11.30am. He picked up myself and another staff member from the end of the driveway. We walked across the road towards the Smith property. We walked halfway up the Monk tanker track. I couldn't smell any piggery odour. At the time the wind was blowing from the ROR Facility towards the Smith property.

Sensitivity to odour

16. Since I work directly in the piggery all day every day I would expect I might be a bit desensitised to piggery odours. That said, I am sure that if there was a strong piggery odour beyond the boundary which was strong enough to cause problems for our neighbours, I would have smelt something.
17. I understand Mrs Smith has suggested that I wouldn't honestly and accurately report what I could smell because it may affect my employment. She made that comment in an email to WRC and WFL on 28 February 2017 after her visit to the ROR Facility. That's simply not true. I don't have any problem voicing my views, even if they aren't the same as Bindi's or Martin's.

18. In my view, the odour at the ROR facility has definitely improved in the last five years. All of us that work on site have worked hard to try and do all we can to avoid any odour effects for our neighbours. I can't understand how Mrs Smith can be experiencing these very strong odours at times when I have also been at the ROR facility and could not smell anything beyond the boundary.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M3 Dysart', is written over a horizontal line.

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DATED: 5 December 2018