

HAWKES BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL & HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

HEARING OF RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS BY THE TE MATA MUSHROOM COMPANY LTD

DIRECTIONS OF COMMISSIONER HEARING PANEL: No.3

Applications by 'The Te Mata Mushroom Company Ltd' to- discharge contaminants to air from a composting and mushroom growing operation and associated activities; and land-use consent to increase production of mushrooms from 25 tonnes per week to 100 tonnes per week including increasing compost production up to 500 tonnes per 7 day period, extension of existing Phase 1 bunkers, construction of a new building (adjacent to Phase 2 tunnels) , concrete pad and a recycled water/oxidation pond.

We conducted the abovementioned hearing from 31 July to 2 August 2019. After completion of the s42A reporting officer presentations, Ms Blomfield, counsel for the applicant, sought an adjournment of the hearing to allow the applicant to submit an amended proposal incorporating total enclosure of both phases 1 and 2 of the composting process. She further noted that the applicant would submit an amended proposal by 30 August 2019.

We considered Ms Blomfield's request, agreed to it and subsequently adjourned the hearing to allow for an amended proposal to be submitted.

Accordingly, we make the following directions:

1. That the applicant submits an amended proposal incorporating total enclosure of Phases 1 and 2 to the Regional Council as joint hearing administering authority, by 5pm Friday 30 August 2019. This amended proposal is to be circulated to the Hearing Panel and all parties by 5pm Monday 2 September 2019.
2. Comments from any party are to be provided to the Regional Council by 5pm, Monday 16 September 2019.

The Hearing Panel will then consider the amended proposal and responses to determine the subsequent process and timeframes. This may include a reconvened hearing for the purpose of efficiency and natural justice. Parties are to advise their preference along with comments on the amended proposal.



Bill Wasley

Commissioner Chair, on behalf of the Hearing Panel

Dated this 8th day of August 2019