

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of applications by Tegel Foods Limited for resource consents to develop and operate a free-range broiler farm at 5763 and 5802 State Highway 12, Arapohue, Dargaville

BEFORE Hearing Commissioners for the **Northland Regional Council** and the **Kaipara District Council** (joint Consent Authorities)

Minute # 2 of the Hearing Commissioners

Introduction

1. The purpose of this Minute is to inform the parties of any potential conflicts of interest and/or disclosure of relationships between the Hearing Commissioners and any of the hearing parties.
2. Dr Rob Loeffering wishes to disclose that he works part-time for Stantec New Zealand (Stantec) and part-time as an Independent Hearings Commissioner. Dr Loeffering notes that three Stantec employees, namely Mr Andrew Mott, Mr Richard Slight, and Dr Paul Heveldt, have provided advice to the Kaipara District Council on specific aspects of the application (geotechnical, civil engineering, and hazardous substances and earthworks control measures, respectively). Dr Loeffering records that he has worked with Dr Heveldt in the past on a small number of unrelated projects and that he does not know, and has never spoken to or worked with, Mr Mott or Mr Slight. The Kaipara District Council has advised that none of these three Stantec employees will be preparing evidence or appearing at the hearing. Accordingly, Dr Loeffering does not consider that he has any actual or perceived conflicts of interest in being a member of the panel to hear and decide the Tegel applications. Both the Northland Regional Council and the Kaipara District Council have agreed that Dr Loeffering does not have a conflict of interest in these proceedings and reached this view prior to his appointment.
3. Mr Mark Farnsworth wishes to disclose that he has been a Kaipara resident since November 1971. Mr Farnsworth and his wife, Michelle have lived in the following locations: Rototuna 1971 – 1996; Arapohue 1996 – 2001 and Mangawhai 2001 – present. Mr Farnsworth has had a long involvement in local government as an elected councillor: Hobson County Council 1983 – 1989 and Northland Regional Council (Chair 2001 – 2010) 1991 – 2010. He has been involved in consent hearings at the local/regional/national levels since 1986. Mr Farnsworth was actively involved with school boards of trustees at the local, regional and national levels from 1989 – 1998. From 1994 -2000 he was the Education Sector representative on the National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee. In terms of hearing participants: Mr Shane Lardner was a Hobson County Councillor during the latter stages of Mr Farnsworth’s time on the Hobson County Council; and Mr Wayne Graham has worked with Mr Farnsworth on rural fire and forestry matters. Mr Farnsworth is not aware of any; actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interests of relevance to his responsibilities as decision maker for this application.

4. If any party wishes to comment or object to Dr Lieffering's or Mr Farnsworth's appointments in light of the above information, then we invite them to do so, including the reasons. Comments and/or objections shall be provided in writing (email is acceptable) via Ms Alissa Sluys (alissas@nrc.govt.nz) no later than **12pm on Wednesday 25 July 2018**.

DATED this 18th July 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. McGarry', is written on a light yellow rectangular background.

Sharon McGarry
Independent Hearing Commissioner (Chair)

On behalf of Independent Hearing Commissioners
Dr Rob Lieffering
Mr Reginald Proffit
Mr Mark Farnsworth