

Tabled at Hearing 14/10/14.

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource
Management

Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER

Variation 1 to the
Land and Water
Regional Plan

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF NICOLE CHERIE REID

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

1. My name is Nicole Cherie Reid. I am an independent Environmental Consultant. I have been contracted by Synlait Milk Limited to assist with the preparation of submissions to the Variation One of the Proposed Land and Water Plan by the following Synlait Milk suppliers: Frank Lamborn, Leon McKavanagh, and Gary Michael.
2. I hold the qualification of Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical and Materials) from the University of Auckland. I am currently studying part-time towards a Masters of Applied Science (Environmental Management) at Lincoln University.
3. I have held a number of environmental and planning roles in the past for companies such as New Zealand Dairy Group (now part of Fonterra) and Auckland Regional Council (ARC). At the ARC I was involved with responding to submissions for the hearings for the ARC's first Air, Land and Water Plan, combined with consenting and compliance roles. My most recent position was Air Quality consultant with Golder Associates in Christchurch which I finished end of 2012.
4. We are also supported by Laura Hull, representing Synlait. We will be present to provide assistance if required by the Suppliers.

SCOPE OF EVIDENCE

5. Our concerns lie with how the V1 pLWP will directly affect their farming operations. Each of the Suppliers have different issues, particular to their own farming operations, that they would like address to the Hearing Commissioners.

6. One concern common to all the submissions relates to Schedule 24 – Farm Practices. We have said that we generally support the inclusion of the new Schedule 24.

Part (a) Nutrient Management:

... (ii) (a) *the Spreadmark Code of Practice*

7. The Spreadmark Code of Practice does not have a version number or review date.

This does not appear to have been addressed this in the s.24a report. The Quality Planning website states that it is good practice to:

“identify the document in a clear and precise manner. The full name of the document should be cited along with its date of publication or version number (for example: NZS 6808:1998 Acoustics - The Assessment and Measurement of Sound from Wind Turbine Generators)”¹

8. The New Zealand Fertiliser Quality Council Spreadmark Code of Practice on their website is titled “Code of Practice: for the placement of fertiliser in New Zealand – The Spreadmark Code of Practice (February 2014)”.² If this is the document that they are referring to then they should reference it correctly in the plan.

Relief sought:

Ensure that the Spreadmark version that the Council are referring to is properly referenced including specifying a version number and/or version date.

¹ Downloaded on 5 October 2014 from <http://www.qualityplanning.org.nz/index.php/plan-steps/writing-plans/external-documents-and-appendices>

² Downloaded on 5 October 2014 from <http://www.fertqual.co.nz/files/downloads/spreadmarkcodeofpractice.pdf>

9. I have also noticed that “the Code of Practice for Nutrient Management [2007]” cannot be found on the internet. A search of the Environment Canterbury website does not yield any results either.
10. A Code of Practice for Nutrient Management is present on the Fertiliser Association of New Zealand’s website. That code of practice is dated 2013.³ If this is the code of practice that is being referred to then the correct referencing should be included.

Relief sought:

Ensure that the 2007 version is available for public reference. If this is not possible then reference a version that is available and is suitable as a reference document.

³ Downloaded on 5 October 2014 from http://www.fertiliser.org.nz/Site/code_of_practice/default.aspx