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Dear Andy,

**Re: Asbestos disposal at Kennedys Bush**

Thank you for your letter dated 24 December requesting information about the disposal of asbestos at Kennedys Bush.

As your letter was sent to both Environment Canterbury and the Christchurch City Council, I have only addressed the aspects of the proposal under Environment Canterbury's jurisdiction. I understand the Christchurch City Council are responding separately.

The application lodged by Penley Limited was to expand an existing containment cell at 318 Kennedys Bush Road, originally consented by Christchurch City Council in 2014.

Resource consent was required from Environment Canterbury to:

- CRC167579 – discharge construction phase stormwater and a hazardous substance (asbestos) to land;
- CRC167580 – discharge operational phase stormwater and land drainage water; and
- CRC167581 – undertake earthworks and vegetation clearance.

Non-notified Decision

The decision to decide these applications on a non-notified basis was based on the following information:

- The site is located entirely on private land and the landowner has given their permission for the activity to occur.
- The property at which the disposal will occur is over 110 hectares in size and the closest dwelling is 460 metres from the actual site of disposal. There are no other dwellings within 500 metres.
- The asbestos-containing material will be placed in two 200µm polythene bags ('double-bagged') prior to transport to the disposal site (to minimise any risk of asbestos becoming airborne) and will remain bagged when placed and sealed into the cell
- The removal, transport and deposition of asbestos-containing material will be supervised by a person with appropriate Worksafe certification; and

- An Environment Canterbury Principal Contaminated Land Officer also confirmed that asbestos is inert in land and water and there would be no risk to groundwater quality.

As a result it was determined that any adverse effects of the deposition of asbestos-containing material at this site were below the thresholds for notification.

I have also attached the Environment Canterbury Officer's report for these applications. It contains more detail on the applications and the assessment made.

#### Future development of the site

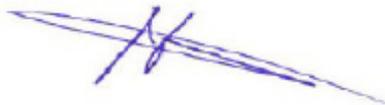
You have also expressed concerns around how this site may be developed in the future. The presence of asbestos disposal at this site means that the property is now identified on the Hazardous Activities and Industries List (HAIL) and any future works on this site will be subject to the National Environmental Standards for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health. If the use of land at the site is proposed to be changed, the site must be appropriately investigated and processes put in place to manage any contamination from that proposed land use.

#### Monitoring of the consents

With regard to on-going monitoring of the site, an Environment Canterbury Officer will attend site meetings with the contractors and consent holder. They will also undertake monitoring inspections to ensure consent conditions are being complied with. The frequency of monitoring will be determined by the quality of the work being undertaken. If there are any concerns raised, the site will be monitored more frequently to ensure effects are managed. The team responsible for monitoring this site have been provided with a copy of your letter so they are aware of the concerns you have raised.

I hope this letter addresses your questions. As requested, we have also recorded your wish to be kept informed of any further development in this area so that you may be contacted should anything else arise that requires consent from Environment Canterbury.

Yours sincerely



Philip Burge  
**Acting Consents Planning Manager**