

**Before the Commissioner appointed by Canterbury
Regional Council.**

IN THE MATTER OF

The Resource
Management Act 1991

AND

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Applications CRC 175344
and CRC175345 by
Canterbury Landscape
Supplies for a discharge
permit for the discharge
of contaminants into air
from a composting
operation, and discharge
permit for discharge of
contaminants to land that
may enter water, as a
result of composting and
stock piling of compost
on land

My name is Julian Odering, I am a shareholder, Director and property manager for Oderings Nurseries Christchurch Ltd.

I was production manager for Oderings Nurseries for 32 years in charge of many responsibilities including soils, soil media management and crop plantings.

Oderings Nurseries enjoys a 22-year relationship with Canterbury Landscapes who are responsible for supplying very high quality composted bark and compost for the growing of plants or selling bulk in our 5 Christchurch retail outlets. Canterbury Landscapes follow the techniques of Kevin Handreck. He is largely regarded Australian and New Zealand's fore founder of composting practises and is highly regarded around the world.

Our growing operation requires and demands a consistent supply of composted products otherwise our business becomes compromised. We trust and are familiar with Canterbury Landscape Supplies structure, PH and post compost nutrition with fertilizer regimes which are different to other suppliers. Our annual use of product from CLS is well over 5000 m³. Hence a guaranteed supply is critical to us and is unable to be supplied in quantities required by us by any other soil manufacturer locally.

We currently have 44 residential neighbours surrounding our Barrington Street site that stores up to 180m³ of compost and composted bark at any time. We are unaware of any complaints from them regarding discharges of any kind.

I admit Mr Wylie and CLS have been exposed to critical errors at the Diverson Road site that are now under control. To prove their expertise and good will to submitters they have put procedures in place to prevent or greatly reduce the discharges to air and ground which are adopted into policy. Then invited residents to view the site, being on the 23rd November 7th December, 30 January, and 8 February. I believe these significant improvements at CLS have led to a reduction of complaints from neighbours and written warnings from Ecan.

Some other mitigation that must be taken into consideration is, of the 10 ha block only 3 ha are used for composting material. Furthermore, compost rows to the North East of the property have been removed according to Mr Wylie.

Sawdust is being used to soak up leachate on other windrows further reducing contamination to land. If adjacent landowners may be leaching nitrates into water, it is unfair to blame C.L.S alone for any contamination.

There is no other local soil manufacturer capable of coping with the extent of waste material into usable garden soil, that I know of in the greater Christchurch area and C.L.S needs to be encouraged to provide this service.

I disagree with Ms Wadsworth that 10 years duration for this consent is appropriate when costs of reapplying with all legal expenses, personal time and worry for a small business is put to better use concentrating on issues being brought up here. So, I urge the commissioners to consider at least 25 to 35 years.

I have every confidence in Mr Wylie and his colleagues to mitigate or remedy any adverse effects to the environment and his fellow residents, as Mr Wylie likes to treat others as he would like to be treated himself and co-exist with all submitters.

Therefore, I support Canterbury Landscapes in pursuit of consent CRC 175344 and CRC 175345 and urge Environment Canterbury to grant this application with a considered amount of achievable conditions, that can be met by C.L.S.

Thank you.