

**BEFORE THE INDEPENDENT HEARINGS PANEL
TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL (TDC)**

UNDER the Resource Management Act 1991

IN THE MATTER of the Proposed Timaru District Plan: Hearing A - Overarching
Matters, Part 1 and Strategic Directions

**ADDENDUM EVIDENCE OF KAAREN ROSSER (PLANNING) ON BEHALF
OF ENVIRO NZ (FORMERLY ENVIROWASTE LTD) – SUBMITTER
(162)**

30 MAY 2024

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 During the hearing for Hearing A the Panel required further information from Enviro NZ with respect to *'Clarify wording of proposed changes to SD-O8. The drafting changes appear to be contradictory and do not appear to achieve the submitters intention to protect waste management activities from reverse sensitivity effects'*.
- 1.2 I have proposed two alternatives to clarify the intent of the objective with respect to this issue. One alternative alters clause (4) by extending the scope of this clause to include additional infrastructure specifically. The other replaces the proposed clause (5) with an alternative to recognise additional infrastructure as vital to the District and to which reverse sensitivity effects should be minimised.
- 1.3 Given the specificity of the proposed Infrastructure objective, each amendment has its benefits and costs however in either instance the recognition of waste management infrastructure is achieved.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 My full name is Kaaren Adriana Rosser.
- 2.2 I am the Environmental Planner with Enviro NZ Services Limited ("Enviro NZ"), formerly known as EnviroWaste. My qualifications and experience are detailed within my prime evidence.
- 2.3 This addendum is provided on behalf of Enviro NZ in relation to the wording of SD-O8, as per submission point 162.5 of the Proposed Timaru District Plan. On behalf of Enviro NZ, I provided evidence to the panel in this hearing to demonstrate the importance of the Redruth landfill site as regionally significant infrastructure, where it can be specifically defined also as additional infrastructure. The wider planning

framework context compels that the objectives and policies of the Strategic Direction Chapter be applied in a way that is inclusive of waste management facilities as a form of additional infrastructure. Therefore, ensuring that these facilities are afforded the support of the higher order strategic framework will accord with these policy statements and strategies.

3. SD-O8 Infrastructure

3.1 SD-O8 is the objective that refers to infrastructure. By acknowledging that the Redruth site can be considered additional infrastructure, the objective should also apply to this type of infrastructure. The evidence included the following clause to achieve this:

5. Development is serviced by an appropriate level of infrastructure, including additional infrastructure that effectively meets the needs of that development.

3.2 I agree that this does not achieve protecting additional infrastructure from reverse sensitivity, however it does introduce additional infrastructure into the objective. I therefore propose the following amendment to clarify the wording:

4. The benefits of infrastructure (regional significant infrastructure, ~~and~~ lifeline utilities, and additional infrastructure) are recognised and their safe, efficient and effective establishment, operation, maintenance, renewal and upgrading and development is enabled while managing adverse effects, including reverse sensitivity effects, appropriately.

3.3 With this amended wording, the specified infrastructure in brackets benefits from the objective, limiting the scope of the clause and the additional clause (5) requested in my evidence is not required. This would then allow for Council owned waste management infrastructure to be recognised as infrastructure as per the Infrastructure Strategy and the Waste Strategy.

3.4 The definition for additional infrastructure can be defined as per Section 1.4 of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020.

- 3.5 If the Panel seeks to limit the scope of which additional infrastructure benefits from the clause, then the following alternative is suggested:

5. In addition to regionally significant infrastructure, and lifeline utilities, other infrastructure (including Additional Infrastructure) is vital for the ongoing functioning of the District's urban and rural communities, and to which reverse sensitivity effects should be minimised.

- 3.6 The amendment would enhance effectiveness of the Plan by making it clear to plan users that waste management infrastructure are types of infrastructure as per the Infrastructure Strategy and Waste Strategy. This amendment would allow inclusion of waste facilities (as per the actions of these strategies) to be considered prior to future plan changes, including managing intensification of the surrounding area in the future.