

**IN THE MATTER** of the Resource Management Act 1991 ("RMA" or "the Act")

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of an application under section 88 of the Act to **WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL** and **WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL** (ref LUC0488/22) by **GLEESON MANAGED FILL LIMITED** to establish and operate a managed fill disposal activity at 310 Riverview Road, Huntly.

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**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF ROSS WILLIAM TWIDLE**

Dated 21 November 2022

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1. **INTRODUCTION**

1.1 My full name is Ross William Twidle. I am the General Manager at Gleeson Managed Fill Limited ("GMF") and am authorised to give this evidence on behalf of GMF.

1.2 This evidence is given in respect of resource consent application APP144475 by GMF to Waikato Regional Council ("WRC") and LUC0488/22 ("Waikato District Council") ("WDC") to establish and operate a managed fill disposal activity at 310 Riverview Road, Huntly ("Site").

**Qualifications and experience**

1.3 I have over 27 years of experience in the mining industry and have obtained the following qualifications:

- (a) A-Grade Quarry Manager 2016; Current A Grade expiry 02/03/2026 Certificate Number 1942
- (b) National Diploma Extractive Industries (Management) Surface Extraction Level 5 in June 2009;

- (c) National Certificate First Line Management Level 4 August 2010
  - (d) A- Business Unit Management (Massey University Paper 152:308) June 2009
  - (e) Current Member of NZ Institute of Quarrying
- 1.4 I have recently taken on the position of General Manager at GMF Managed Fill and Gleeson Huntly Quarries.
- 1.5 Prior to this, I worked for Stevenson Aggregates as Quarry Manager of Tuakau Sand Quarry and Clean-Fill, Clevedon and Whitford Quarries for 2 years 10 months.
- 1.6 Prior to this I worked for Winstone Aggregates for 24 years. Starting as a plant operator and then on to a supervisory role. Then Quarry Manager of Puni Sand Quarry 2009. Then progressed to Quarry Manager of Pukekawa Quarry from 2011 to 2020.

**Purpose and scope of evidence**

- 1.7 The purpose of my evidence is to provide an overview of the applicant, GMF and set out the operational background and rationale for the application.
- 1.8 My evidence is structured as follows:
- (a) Provides an overview of my role at GMF (Section 2);
  - (b) Outlines my involvement in the site selection process and the operational activities that are planned to prepare the site and business for the proposed activity (Section 3);
  - (c) Sets out GMF's ability to manage the managed fill disposal from an operational basis (Section 4).
- 1.9 My evidence should be read together with the other corporate evidence provided:
- (a) James Gleeson (sole director);
  - (b) Mark Pelan (financial);
  - (c) Leigh Turner (operational and transport fleet); and
  - (d) Seth Pardoe (corporate governance).

2. **MY ROLE AT GLEESON MANAGED FILL LIMITED**

2.1 My responsibilities as General Manager of GMF are the safety of all staff, contractors, and visitors, and also that fill is checked and fully compliant within the consent conditions set out in the consent.

3. **SITE SELECTION AND PREPARATION**

3.1 I have had no direct involvement in selecting the proposed fill areas as this was undertaken prior to my employment with the company over the last 3 years. I understand a wide range of qualified and experienced consultants have been employed to provide advice on suitability from their findings on site inspections, site selection, appropriate design and preparation.

3.2 We will be employing suitably qualified and non-qualified staff from the local community where required for the Managed Fill operation, these staff are additional to the quarry operations. Initially, they will be comprehensively inducted and provided SOP's as part of the induction process. This will give them a full understanding of the consent requirements, and training to ensure that this is a major focus of their roles. Risk assessments are to be conducted on all facets (e.g., machinery procurement and operation, sediment and erosion control, water quality management, established bunding, and dust mitigation and noise suppression). Hazards identified will be put into a hazard register. This will include:

- (a) Reviewing and active management of the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) access and exit roads, as well as all other management plans.
- (b) Setting up and managing recording systems and utilising current systems to ensure reporting conditions are met on daily, weekly, monthly and annually.
- (c) Testing requirements and recording as set out in consent conditions and dealing with any non-compliant results in a prompt and efficient manner.
- (d) Sourcing specialist external assistance as required.

4. **MANAGEMENT OF THE MANAGED FILL DISPOSAL**

4.1 GMF intends to manage day to day activities with skilled and trained personnel to ensure day to day compliance and reporting measures in accordance with the conditions set out in consent with continued compliance monitoring.

- 4.2 I confirm I have read the proposed conditions of consent and I will ensure compliance with the conditions relevant to my role as GMF General Manager.
- 4.3 For the past nearly three years I have managed a clean fill operation in the Waikato with very similar consent conditions. More importantly with a very high compliance rate. The granting of the consent sets clear compliance guidelines that GMF must comply with. The reporting required in these conditions will show how the site is performing in accordance with the conditions, supported by continued monitoring for the duration of the consent.

**Ross William Twidle**  
**Gleeson Managed Fill Limited**  
**21 November 2022**