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Attention Christine Chapman

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Dear Ms Chapman,

**RE: Transpacific Liquid Waste Facility (MP05_0037), Rutherford
Modification 3: Amend Emissions and Monitoring Conditions**

I refer to your correspondence dated 25 July in relation to the above application. Overall the development approval modifications do not relate to a change in operations, rather they relate directly to the licensing conditions set by OEH. The justification provided for the changes are quite technical and should therefore be determined by the licensing authority.

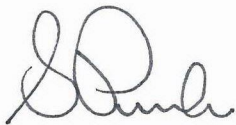
However through our assessment we noted several issues we would like to bring to the attention of Department of Planning:

- The application has not fully explained the reason why 10mg/m³ was set as the original dust emission limit under the license, and therefore it is not clear why an increase to 50mg/m³ is necessary.
- The application states on page 7 that "*the levels of solid particle emissions are believed to be heavily influenced by salts present in the emissions stream*". As sulphur salts can produce odour, Council would like to caution any reduction in monitoring of such emissions.
- There is no mention of cumulative impacts of solid particles from other surrounding industries. Given the contour mapping appears to suggest that the 24hr PM₁₀ exceeds if the units versus the guideline units are different, then there may be cause for caution.
- It should be noted that most of the contour mapping is not able to be interpreted as there is no explanation of the contour titling.
- Odour complaints from community - it is our understanding that OEH are aware of complaints from the community in the nearby residential area regarding odour emitted from the Rutherford Industrial Area. As this particular industry is not licensed by Council, Council does not have a

record of these complaints, but have in the past forwarded calls from community members concerned with odour emitting from the Rutherford Industrial Area to OEH. Therefore Council would like to advise that the Department of Planning and Infrastructure consider the communities concerns regarding odour when assessing this application.

I trust the above comments are of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact Council should you have any further queries

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Punch', written in a cursive style.

Stephen Punch
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