

**BEFORE ENVIRONMENT SOUTHLAND
AND SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL**

UNDER the Resource Management Act
1991

IN THE MATTER of a Resource Consent
Application and Designation by
Southland District Council to
discharge treated wastewater to
land and odour to air from the Te
Anau Wastewater Treatment
Plant

**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF IAN LESLIE MARSHALL
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QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

1. My name is Ian Leslie Marshall.
2. I am currently employed by the Southland District Council as the Group Manager Services and Assets.
3. In this role I am responsible for the management of the majority of the infrastructure of the Council.
4. Particularly relevant in this context is the responsibility for water supply and waste water systems infrastructure, including the Te Anau sewerage scheme.
5. I am also responsible for the Te Anau Airport Manapouri. I am the Chief Executive Officer of the Te Anau Airport Manapouri.
6. I have no tertiary qualifications.
7. I have 43 and a half years of experience in Local Government civil engineering. The last sixteen years have been focused on the implementation of asset management practices as they relate to the operation, maintenance, renewal and capital works improvements of infrastructure intended to deliver services to ratepayers and other customers.

SCOPE OF EVIDENCE

8. I have been asked to prepare evidence in relation to the Southland District Council's philosophy, culture and commitment as it relates to the Te Anau Wastewater Treatment Scheme and the proposal as outlined in the consent application.

COUNCIL'S VISION AND MISSION

9. The Southland District Council is committed to the health and welfare of the people, the communities, the culture and the environment within the District. This is graphically demonstrated by the Council's Vision, Mission and Outcomes.
10. The Council's vision is:
To have thriving, healthy Southland communities.

11. The Council's mission is:
Working together for a better Southland.
12. The three outcomes the Council strives for are:
 - a. *Supporting Our Communities*
 - b. *Making the most of our Resources*
 - c. *Being an Effective Council*
13. These visionary and aspirational statements describe the philosophy that guides the Council in decision making and guides the staff in planning and operational tasks.

LONG TERM PLAN

14. In 2011/12 during the development of the current 2012-22 Long Term Plan the Council ran a strategic retreat. In the retreat the Council looked at the issues facing the people of our district and how Council plans to provide the essential community infrastructure so that they can meet their cultural, environmental, economic and social needs and desires in a sustainable manner. In that retreat Council recognised that there were six major foundation stones for Council being:
 - a. Our people;
 - b. Our communities;
 - c. Our land;
 - d. Our water;
 - e. Our heritage; and
 - f. Our environment.
15. The six major foundation stones we feel are reflected in our new vision which is "*thriving, healthy communities*" supported by a leading Council and is supported by our mission which is "*Working together for a better Southland*".

IWI RELATIONSHIP

16. The Southland District Council is strongly dedicated to maintaining and developing further the very strong relationship it has with local Iwi. The Council, management and staff are very proud of the name:

Te Rohe Pōtae O Murihiku

which is the name bestowed on the Council by Ngāi Tahu.

17. Council was officially gifted its Māori name 'Te Rohe Pōtae o Murihiku' at a naming ceremony at Takutai o te Tītī marae at Colac Bay / Ōraka in November 2005, strengthening links between Council and the tāngata whenua and emphasising the importance of Council's partnership with Ngāi Tahu. The Māori name acknowledges the Council's role as an all-embracing shelter ("umbrella / lid") for the District. The four Ngāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnanga of Murihiku deliberated over several years before authorising the phrase Te Rohe Pōtae o Murihiku, which gives it special significance.

TE ANAU SEWERAGE DISCHARGE CONSENT APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

18. These principles, vision, missions and cultural values are permeated throughout the Council and they shape and guide our planning and decision making. They have been present in the Council during the period of planning, design, decision making and consultation for the Te Anau Sewerage discharge and the consent application to discharge treated effluent onto land adjacent to the Te Anau Airport Manapouri.
19. From the outset finding a solution that was in accord with Iwi cultural values is something that was considered an essential element of any acceptable solution.
20. It was also recognised that Te Ana-au (Lake Te Anau), Moturau (Lake Manapouri) and Waiau River are Statutory Acknowledgement Areas in terms of the Ngai Tahu Settlement Act.

DEMONSTRATION OF COMMITMENT TO THE COUNCIL'S PRINCIPLES

21. Commitment to the Council's principles has been demonstrated throughout the processes leading up to this consent application by the way in which:
- a. The scheme design options gave strong cognizance to the Iwi preference for human waste to be discharged to land as opposed to direct discharge to a water body;
 - b. A working party comprising a number of key stakeholders was formed to investigate long term options. One key message from the working group was that the status quo was not an option and if possible irrigation to land was the preferred means of disposal;
 - c. The Te Anau Community Board has been involved throughout the development processes;
 - d. The consent application notification period was extended at the Southland District Council's request so that absentee Te Anau property owners would be more likely in the area during the holiday period of 2013/14 and so be better able to participate in the consultation process;
 - e. Open days were held at the Te Anau Airport Manapouri to allow any interested persons to attend and have access to information and expert personnel who could inform them of the details of the proposal; and
 - f. Feedback was received and consideration given to issues raised from the consultation and open days.

COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

22. The Southland District Council's commitment to improving the environmental impact of sewerage discharges across the District is demonstrated by the improvements made in the past to sewage treatment and the commitment in the LTP to further improvements to other schemes totalling \$41.6M.

23. The Council's plans include Key Performance Indicators for compliance with existing resource consents for sewage discharges. The target level of compliance with these consents is 100% compliance. The Council staff actively manage the operations and improvements to the schemes in order to achieve these compliance level targets.
24. The consent application to discharge to land, treated sewage from the Te Anau township sewerage, is a continuation of the Council's programme of work to minimise the environmental impact of sewage disposal.

DATED this 27th day of June 2014

Ian Marshall