

Kia Ora John,

Thanks very much for the invitation to attend the next meeting of the Why Waste Waimate committee. We appreciate the invitation and are very keen to meet with you and the committee once we have lodged our resource consent and answered any questions from Council that arise post-lodgement.

We have consistently said that once the consent is lodged, which will be later this year, we are happy to meet with your committee and others in Glenavy and Waimate. SIRRL has engaged a range of independent experts to prepare an economic benefit report, human health assessment, and reports on air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, traffic, noise, landscape and visual impact, stormwater and domestic wastewater discharge.

As you know these reports will form part of our resource consent application to be considered by an independent commissioner and will also be publicly available. We would rather meet with you and your committee when we can have robust discussion over facts, backed up by scientific evidence.

The Resource Management Act has very strict controls and unless we can prove that we will meet those requirements we will not be able to proceed. That is another reason we want to meet once we have all our expert evidence finished and we have answered any additional questions.

I appreciate this may not be the answer you want to hear regarding a meeting. SIRRL has asked to make our resource consent publicly notified so people can have their say on our proposal. We have nothing to hide and at the risk of repeating myself, once our independent experts have finalised their reports and we lodged our consent we will take up your offer of a meeting.

In the interest of transparency, we will be putting our response to your request for a meeting on our website. I want to be very clear that we are not refusing to meet your committee, rather we are asking to meet later in the year.

Warm regards,

Paul

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