

March 3 2016



Environment Canterbury
PO Box 345
CHRISTCHURCH
(via email)

RE: Resource Consent Application to Renew Discharge Application CRC980561 – Adams Sawmilling Company Limited

URGENT REQUEST for extension of timeframe for renewal of resource consent

In October 2016 I was to have lodged an application to renew resource consent CRC980561, which permits the discharge of stormwater and contaminants to land, on behalf of Adams Sawmilling Company Limited.

The consent expires on 4 April 2017.

I have discovered to my horror, that I have in error not lodged the application until today.

As we did not receive authorisation from the directors of the applicant Company to lodge the application until 10 October, the application did not meet the six-month deadline for automatic extension of time frames.

I ask that Environment Canterbury grant a timeframe extension for this application to be processed, without the Company having to stop operations. The time remaining for the application to go through its s.88 check, and then processing by an Investigating Officer, and moving through the decision making process is now very short.

The fact that the application has not been lodged is my error, not that of Adams Sawmilling Company Limited. I do not want to see the company penalized for something that is not their fault.

As I noted in the original application letter requesting the extension in timeframe for processing the consent the environmental effects resulting from the activity continuing after the expiry date will be less than minor.

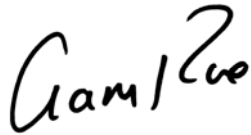
The soil and water testing over the duration of the existing consent have shown that the effects on the environment to date have been insignificant. If the business stopped its operations while any further consent issues are resolved, there will be no different effect on the environment in the case of a storm water event.

The stormwater will infiltrate through, and move over the same land area whether the business is operating or not. The very low levels of contaminants measured on the site mean that there will be little potential contamination of the site. The testing from the applicants monitoring bore have shown that the concentrations of timber treatment chemicals are less than 1% of the trigger level for taking action.

I ask that the applicants be granted a timeframe extension for this application, so that they do not suffer from my error.

Please call me to discuss, or inform me of whom I can contact for further discussion.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Rae". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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