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Dear Brent,

Request for Further Information

Response required by:	12 July 2022
Record Number/s:	CRC224237 and CRC224238
Applicant Name:	Wongan Hills Limited
Activity Description:	To use of land for composting barns and feedlot and discharge of odour to air from composting barns/feedlots

As you are aware, I have been processing the above resource consent applications.

The information listed in Attachment 1 to this letter is hereby requested under Section 92 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the RMA). As this information is required in order to fully understand the potential effects of the proposal, we are unable to further process the application until it has been supplied.

The options available to you under Section 92A(1) of the RMA are summarised below. A response is required by 12 July 2022. You must choose one of these options.

A. Supply the requested information by 12 July 2022

If the information can be easily collated and supplied by this date, please provide it in writing (via email is fine) to Nicola Duke.

B. Agree in a written notice by 12 July 2022 to supply the information requested

Sometimes technical information will take some time to collate or key contacts may not be immediately available. If you need more time to supply the information requested, please advise me in writing when you can provide the information. You can do this via email or letter.

C. Refuse in a written notice by 12 July 2022 to supply the requested information

If you choose not to provide the requested information by the above date, or any date subsequently agreed to by the Canterbury Regional Council, then your application must be publicly notified and may be declined.

Public notification enables any member of the public, including potentially affected parties, to submit on your proposal. If submission/s are received on your application, then you can expect a hearing to be held. Information on [the notification process](#) and on the [likely costs](#) for notification and a hearing can be found on our website.

Please contact me via email (Nicola.Duke@ecan.govt.nz) or phone (03 367 7106) if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely/ Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'N Duke', written in a cursive style.

Nicola Duke
Senior Consents Planner

ATTACHMENT 1

Information Requested under Section 92 of the Resource Management Act 1991

Application Number/s: CRC224237 and CRC224238

Date: 20/06/2022

1. General operation of barn

Please provide a more detailed description of how it is proposed to operate the barns. This information should include, but is not limited to:

- Sawdust/woodchips – how often will this be added to the barns, and will there be storage of sawdust/woodchips on site?
- Tiling of compost – frequency and timing;
- Temperature of compost – frequency and timing of measurements
- Any other daily measurements that will be recorded

2. Base area of barns

The permeability of the base area of the barns is important in determining consent required under the National Environmental Standard for Freshwater 2020 and in ensuring that the barns will not allow nutrients to discharge to ground, groundwater or surface water.

- a. Please provide information on how the base area of the barns will meet the permeability standard of 10-9 m/s as required by Regulation 10(3)(a) of the National Environmental Standard for Freshwater 2020; and
- a. How will the permeability of the base area be monitored during operation of the barns to ensure it is intact and operating as required.

3. Entry of water into barns

There is potential for the composting process to be compromised or for discharge of nutrients to the environment should water enter the barns during rainfall events.

- a. Please confirm the height of the barns from ground level; and
- b. Please detail how the site will be managed to minimise source water entry into the barns (e.g. during large rainfall events or rainfall from a certain direction).

4. Medications

In some intensive farming scenarios the animals are routinely administered medication. This may be transferred to the compost material.

- b. Please provide detail on any routine administration of medication proposed for the cattle in the feed barns.

5. Removal of compost material

The application indicates that compost will be removed from the barns once every one to two years. Additional information is sought on indicators for removal of compost.

- b. What is the trigger for removal of compost material?
- c. What would the composition of this material look like?
- a. Detail surrounding removal of compost material (e.g. will there still be cattle in the barn at the time or will the barns be empty?)

6. Discharge of solid animal waste – Rule 5.29

Section 5.1.3 of the application states that discharge of solid animal waste is a permitted activity under Rule 5.29 of the Land and Water Regional Plan. A complete assessment against the conditions of this rule and how they will be met is not provided in Section 4.8.

- a. Please provide an assessment of the proposal against the conditions of Rule 5.29.

7. Contingency Measures

If the barn does not operate as anticipated, then this could result in discharge of nutrients to the environment or an increase in discharge of odour.

- a. Please provide detail on what contingency measures will be in place for managing environmental effects should the barn not operate as anticipated.