



**Greater East Tamaki
Business Association Inc.**

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Auckland Council,
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**Submission re Application for Resource Consent 1 Harris Road, East Tamaki: Depositing up to 1.5 million cubic metres of imported fill at the Greenmount Closed Landfill until 30 June 2015.
Section 95A of the Resource Management Act 1991**

From: The Greater East Tamaki Business Association Inc. (GETBA)

The Greater East Tamaki Business Association Inc. represents almost 2,000 businesses in the East Tamaki commercial industrial business precinct within which the Greenmount Landfill is located.

We support in principle the Envirowaste Services Ltd (ESL) application for land use consent to enable rehabilitation of the site. We are in favour of a proposed open space concept for this site so that it would become an attractive recreational asset for the businesses and employees in the area, as opposed to a large inaccessible unmaintained grassed area.

We are conscious of the need to consider the effects of operational activities relating to the importation of additional fill, particularly traffic, noise and air discharges upon neighbouring properties on Smales and Harris Roads and Greenmount Drive, to ensure that these will not be greater than currently experienced. Further it is vital that any shading is negligible (as per the application) and that the 72 metre elevation does not block existing views.

The consent application refers to enabling "ESL to contribute earthworks, roading and track infrastructure for the betterment of the closed Greenmount Landfill site to the value of three million dollars". GETBA feels this amount should be new spend, with no credit for existing earthworks, roads, track infrastructure and/or improvements as at the date of application.

GETBA is concerned that this investment will not be sufficient for the open space concept envisaged and desired. There is mention in the application of "community access to the eastern parts of the site within two years of endorsement from Auckland Council (Parks Department)". Securing adequate funding for the full development, and then a commitment for on-going maintenance that isn't going to be a burden on ratepayers, is crucial. We have a preference that the funds are paid into a Council controlled trust fund on an on-going basis as the fill is loaded rather than in a lump sum at the end much like the aftercare fund that is being collected.

In summary:

For the record GETBA submits an objection raising the following points that need to be fully and adequately addressed.

1. That any shading effect is negligible.
2. That the views for neighbours and surrounding properties (even from a distance such as Point View Drive) are not disadvantaged.
3. That the proposal for an open space concept to be used for the benefit of the public and local businesses and employees, is committed or cemented into place.
4. That any final proposed open space is described in detail with detailed contour maps and diagrams.
5. That the \$3 million is additional to infrastructure and existing works already undertaken or in place.
6. That the \$3 million is held by bond or collected by truck movement levies or some other means that does not leave the ratepayer paying for future rehabilitation.
7. A fixed timetable for the finalisation of the open space rehabilitated land.

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