

**BEFORE HEARING COMMISSIONERS  
IN THE WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT**

**UNDER THE** Resource Management Act 1991 (“**Act**”)

**IN THE MATTER OF** an application for resource consent to authorise four existing industrial activities within part of the Te Puna Business Park structure plan area, for a term of two years

**BETWEEN** **TINEX GROUP LIMITED**  
Applicant

**AND** **WESTERN BAY OF BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
Consent authority

**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF TONY RODGER**

*Before a Hearing Panel: Rob van Voorthuysen (Chair),  
James Whetu (Commissioner)*

**Introduction**

1. My full name is Tony Rodger.
2. I give this evidence on behalf of Laing Pools Limited, trading as Compass Pools New Zealand (“**Compass Pools**”). I am authorised to give this evidence on its behalf.
3. Compass Pools 100% supports the current application.

**Reasons**

4. The Te Puna industrial park is a great asset to not only to the business operating from there but the community, and other industries. Logistically it works perfectly for business; its affordable, safe and secure; it has a less

visual impact than other sites around the Bay and should be supported by Council.

5. Forcing the current activities to cease, as the Council wishes, would have a drastic impact to all business's currently on site. It will cost income streams; there will be a significant cost to exit the yard, not only financially but also to the environment.
6. It will cost people their jobs and put the business's under immense financial and emotional strain. Business models and operations will have to change, which could force further redundancies.
7. The business's operating from this yard, including Compass Pools, employ numerous people from within the Te Puna community many of which may face job losses should the yard closure be forced on the owner.
8. There will also be impacts for other suppliers and subcontractors who are supported by the operations within this site.
9. There is a significant lack of available industrial sites across the Western Bay and Tauranga, and the Council forcing us to close by opposing this consent application just doesn't make any sense.
10. If we are forced to exit this site, Compass Pools will more than likely be forced to pull out of the Bay of Plenty and close this branch of our business. This will be extremely stressful for all of our staff and more than likely cause redundancies. We also currently have a forward work order of 9 months for clients around the Bay of Plenty and if we lose this yard we will more than likely lose this business.

#### **Breast cancer support**

11. I would like to point out that the reason the external of the pools are painted pink is that Compass Pools is a Gold supporter of the New Zealand Breast Cancer foundation. We have a partnership that requires us to paint the pools pink in support of this charity, and for every pool we sell we make a donation to the New Zealand Breast cancer foundation.

12. Since January 2017 our company has donated over \$100,000 to this cause in New Zealand. Money raised helps them to fund vital research initiatives, create awareness/education campaigns and support people as they go through the journey of breast cancer recovery.
13. We do not want to lose this partnership. We would not be able to have the pools destined for the Bay of Plenty market a different colour and we would therefore have to pull out of the Bay of Plenty market.

**Updates as to process issues**

14. I have seen the latest version of the Noise Management Plan, and that I am confident that we can meet it.
15. I also confirm that we are confident that we can ensure that heavy vehicles accessing our site will not use Clarke Road. We have a good relationship with the contractors who deliver our pools, and I am sure they would honour that request.

**6 October 2023**

**Tony Rodger**