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My name is Peter Lochhead. I am a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Te Puna Resident.

I am equally proud that my forefathers chose to establish the family in Te Puna and the family has actively been involved in many things 'Te Puna'.

When they first established themselves in Te Puna, this was in 1883 and part of the land where Te Puna Rural Industrial Business Park is situated, formed part of the farm. But as it was swamp, which is now called a wet land, somewhere in the period between 1883 and 1886, with his farming knowledge, my Great Grandfather introduced a drain which is now recognised and is called the Te Hakao Stream. This stream is affectively part of the Te Hakao Wetlands, which is referred to in the Hearing Documents of the 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2004.

Now with that introduction being said, I move onto this application, which is known to be an application for unlawfully established activities to remain and operate.

With this application, there is no comment to the signed agreement from the three developers on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2005. This agreement was signed, not only by them, but the Te Puna residents and the Iwi. Both the residents and Iwi were reluctant to agree to this but felt we need to move forward. It is clear in this agreement, prior to any commencement of any land use activity, there were to be processes put in place.

One was the landscape bund wall. This was to be approved and constructed prior to any activity, as was the overland flow and the wetland design. Also, the main drain along Te Puna Station Road was to be relocated and replaced with a swale. It is also noted that the overland flow, wetland and landscape bund was to be surveyed and vested to Council with a 3 year maintenance period.

One must ask, is the bund wall in the correct place? Is the shape suitable for its plantings? In the approved documents, it does not show or suggest that there should be drains running through from the property to the road drain.

As I am no expert that is qualified, but farming this land you learn a lot about dealing with wetland. One thing we did learn, if the drains are not maintained, it slows the ground water flow from the land, therefore if it has not been able to flow, the land quickly turns to porridge and is unworkable. It is to note, that with the depth of fill that has been placed on this land, which contains many springs, has this slowed the flow of ground water to the drains or has it pressurised and increased the silting to these drains? As on the edge of the drain, the ground appears to be saturated and under its own wait, slipping into the road drain.

I move on to the expected sealed entrance from Station Road to the development and the dust free access road to the existing activities. This has not been achieved. With regards to the upgrade of roads, yes there was a memorandum of agreement, signed 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 that the intersections of the Te Puna Road to Te Puna Station Road, Clarke Road traffic calming, Te Puna Station Road to State Highway 2. With this agreement, the two conditions were not met so therefore we must revert back to the Environment Court ruling.

There is no mention of adequate water supply to the site for fire fighting, for any activity established.

In summary, Mr Daniels has signed a lot of agreements and yet has not delivered completely on any. Mr Daniels has made comments that he is a community minded person, that he is a member of Te Puna Heartlands. Te Puna Heartlands is an organisation that any Te Puna resident can attend their meetings, it is not a membership although we do have a Committee.

Mr Daniels has attended a handful of meetings and at one of them, advised the gathering that he can do what he likes on his development which is a clear indication of his attitude to carrying out any of the agreed workings to bring his development to reality. Is this being community minded.

I sense through all these hearings and meetings with Council the importance of the Environment Court ruling, in conjunction with the District Scheme Plan, that this development has lost its direction, in that the ruling is to ensure development within the Te Puna Industrial Business Park is compatible with the amenity values of the neighbouring rural environment.

Thank you.