

IN THE MATTER OF

The Resource Management Act 1991

AND

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Application for resource consent under sections 88 and 124 of the Act, in relation to the proposed re consenting of the discharge of contaminants into air from fumigation at the Port of Tauranga. (RM19-0663)

BY

GENERA LIMITED
Applicant

**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF ROBBIE ANDREW RAMLOSE
ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT**

17 April 2023

Corporate intent & commitment

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INTRODUCTION

1. My full name is **Robbie Andrew Ramlose**.
2. I am the Group Chief Executive Officer of Genera Limited ("**Genera**").
3. My evidence is given in support of Genera's resource consent application for consent to discharge contaminants into air from fumigation at the Port of Tauranga.
4. My evidence relates to the background, establishment and values of the Company.
5. I am authorised to give this evidence on behalf of Genera.

Qualifications and experience

6. I have the following qualifications:
 - 6.1 Bachelor of Forestry Science (Hons) from University of Canterbury; and
 - 6.2 Professional Leadership Development from Harvard Business School.
7. I am an experienced senior manager/CEO with extensive business knowledge and experience in the fumigation and forest industries. I have a strong understanding of the unique dimensions of family-owned businesses such as Genera. I have lived and worked in New Zealand with significant time spent overseas, particularly in Genera's operations in Australia. I also have a strong background in forestry science and management across New Zealand and Australia.
8. I have been Group CEO of Genera since February 2021 and was, before that, General and Operations manager of Genera in its Australia businesses for several years. During that time, I held primary responsibility for multiple businesses across a wide range of fumigation and biosecurity activities handling multiple fumigant types and complying with extensive Federal and State level legislation. I have extensive practical fumigation experience and personally hold multiple fumigation licenses for a wide range of commodities, operations, and fumigants. Prior to Genera I was a technical forester at Timberlands Ltd, managing resource modelling and data collection operations across NZ and Australia.

Background and role

9. I am ultimately responsible for the performance of the company in accordance with its statutory requirements and corporate values.

Scope of evidence

10. I provide evidence in relation to:
 - (a) a brief history of Genera;
 - (b) a description of Genera's values;
 - (c) an outline of our future.

A HISTORY OF GENERA

11. Genera is a New Zealand based, international provider of biosecurity treatments.
12. It was established in 1975 by Mark Greenwood. Genera is still 100 per cent Kiwi-owned. Mark was awarded a New Zealand Order of Merit in 2016 in recognition of his services to biosecurity.
13. From those beginnings in 1975, Genera now supports New Zealand teams in Tauranga, Waikato, Marsden Point, Auckland, Christchurch, Timaru, Nelson, Wellington and Napier. And we provide services throughout Australia, in Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia, in the Pacific in New Caledonia and Fiji and in Thailand.
14. Genera values innovation and provides a focus on research and development of alternative solutions. We have a dedicated team of research scientists and engineers established within an independent company, Genera Science and Innovation, who are constantly testing new fumigant recapture systems as well as trialling and developing new fumigation methods and fumigant options.
15. Through our research, and in our everyday operations, we strive to achieve sustainable solutions including implementing solutions that maintain effectiveness while having less adverse effect on the environment (such as through the development and use of Phosphine), increase the efficiency of methyl bromide recapture tools and then destroying the methyl bromide captured so that it does not degrade into the environment in the future and so that the carbon used can be recycled.

16. Genera is:
- Ministry of Primary Industries accredited;
 - ISPM15¹ accredited;
 - The sole New Zealand member of International Maritime Fumigation Organisation;
 - A founding member of Stakeholders in Methyl Bromide Reduction (STIMBR) group; and
 - A member of Pest Management Association of New Zealand.
17. The Genera Board and I take our duties and obligations under each of these organisations and associations very seriously in maintaining New Zealand's biosecurity and seeking to reduce emissions and reliance on methyl bromide fumigations as one of several methods to protect that biosecurity.

GENERA'S VALUES

18. Genera is a biosecurity industry leader, using technological solutions to safeguard New Zealand and its trading partners from pest species such as the Australian Fruit Fly or the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug.
19. Our corporate values² are:

People – Safe, supported and motivated

Genera has the most engaged, competent and supported people.

Innovation – Thoughtful Solutions

Genera provides thoughtful solutions driving sustainability and growth.

Integrity – Doing the right thing

The right thing by our people, our customers, and the world.

20. These values are reflected in the preparation and presentation of Genera's resource consent application. We have provided all information requested by both Bay of Plenty Regional Council ("**BoPRC**") and others and have worked with Iwi and hapu, from the beginning of the application process, through the Core Liaison Group. We have been welcomed onto the Whareroa marae

¹ ISPM 15 stands for the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15. They are a set of regulations which were set up to help prevent the spread of pests and diseases through the use of wood in packaging materials used in international trade.

² <https://genera.co.nz/>

and I hope and trust that this relationship will endure beyond this consenting process.

GENERA'S FUTURE

21. I believe our values are fundamental to our business. Without delivering effectively on these strong values Genera could not survive either in the community or as a business.
22. Our future must be built on these values and must equally provide for a sustainable business. We are committed to a future in which ozone depleting gases such as methyl bromide are used in a safe and environmentally sustainable way. Yet recognising that it is important to maintain a range of options to protect New Zealand's biosecurity, critical to the primary industries and natural environment that rely on this.
23. Genera has developed and implemented a methyl bromide recapture and destruction system across our fumigation operations which now operates at an efficiency level of greater than 90% recapture levels.
24. Genera is also developing alternative treatment methods for some commodities and fumigations which are more sustainable and environmentally friendly such as heat treatments for cars and machinery

CONCLUSION

25. Genera is the main service provider for fumigation and biosecurity related treatments in NZ, servicing all ports around the country across a wide range of import and export commodities
26. We pride ourselves on being innovative with our technology, with significant investment put into research and development of safer, more environmentally friendly operations
27. We continue to push forward in terms of operational and phytosanitary compliance, leading the way globally in many aspects of our business including Methyl Bromide recapture and destruction systems and operations

Robbie Andrew Ramlose

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