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132 Puriri Bay Rd

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To.

Ms Issy Fordham

Re.

Dust hazard on Puriri Bay Rd.

Dear Ms Fordham,

Further to our discussion on the phone I thought I would note down a few other points concerning the dust nuisance at my property at 132 Puriri Bay Rd.

Firstly and most importantly, I cannot drink the water that I collect off my roof because of the pollution of the dust.

I cannot wash my clothes in said water as it comes out grey, and it is borderline quality for even dishes and showering

.As a result I have had to install a new separate tank, and buy water delivered at the going rate of 270\$ inc gst. Per 4000 litres. Receipt available.

I cannot hang my washing outside even at the back of the property.

I cannot finish painting my house because of the continuous wash of dust clouds wafting over me every time a car goes past or we have a southerly wind.

I cannot see through my windows after a month, sit on my outdoor furniture, or enjoy the garden especially the front garden, as the dust buildup is so rapid.

My solar panels have stopped charging as they are so coated with dust and I cant get up on the roof to clean them.

One is unable to wash all the dust off veges and herbs in order to eat them safely.

I am unable to open my front windows to cool the house down. It has been unnecessarily hot in consequence.

Inside.. well I don't think it is reasonable to expect a person to dust and wash all surfaces inside their house on a daily basis just so they can have even a realistic standard of cleanliness do you?

I feel like I am living inside an discarded cement bag , and if you don't know what that feels like, try just putting your hand inside one.

I am prepared to get a doctors certificate to prove that I have a nagging cough worsening the longer I stay that will ease the moment I return to the mainland.

I have also developed a skin irritation on my hands arms and legs that I put down to the constant grittiness of my environment.

My eyes are constantly sore and gritty as is my throat. Symptoms also suffered by my daughter when she came to stay a few weeks ago.

I have owned the property for three years now but this summer period has been unbearable due to the extra traffic and the extreme dryness of the road.

As my house is one of only two along Puriri Bay road that exist in such close proximity to the unsealed road, perhaps the council could consider laying a partial seal in front of the affected residences, or effecting some sort of surface treatment if in fact it is not deemed urgent priority by the concerned authorities to instigate the sealing of the whole of Puriri Bay Road.

If the council thinks that I am complaining unreasonably, I can only ask them to spend 30 minutes standing on my front lawn, or walking along the road, or trying to enjoy time on the beach.(and you aren't allowed to hold your breathe when a car goes past!).

Please pay due and prompt attention to my urgent plea for action on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Penelope Edmonds.