

Before an Independent Hearings Panel
appointed by Christchurch City Council

under: the Resource Management Act 1991

in the matter of: the hearing of submissions on Plan Change 14 (Housing
and Business Choice) to the Christchurch District Plan

and: **Lyttelton Port Company Limited**
Submitter 853

Summary statement of Dr Crystal Lenky

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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DR CRYSTAL LENKY

INTRODUCTION

- 1 My name is Dr Crystal Lenky and I am the head of Environment and Sustainability for Lyttelton Port Company (*LPC*). In this role I am responsible for delivering LPC's environmental and sustainability strategies and programmes.
- 2 I prepared a brief of evidence on behalf of LPC in relation to proposed Plan Change 14 (Housing and Business Choice) to the Christchurch District Plan (*PC14*).

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

- 3 LPC operates from three sites, Lyttelton Port and two Inland Ports. Lyttelton Port and the Inland Port at Woolston (CityDepot) are relevant to PC14. My brief of evidence includes an overview of LPC's facilities and landholdings at Lyttelton Port and CityDepot.
- 4 I have been LPC's representative on the Port Liaison Committee (*PLC*) for the last two years. The PLC oversees the implementation of the port noise management plan, the acoustic treatment programme and it also reviews complaints and takes action to prevent a recurrence of the complaint. I have observed the PLC functioning well.
- 5 However, ports are inherently noisy facilities and LPC strongly supports the adoption of the Lyttelton Port Influences Overlay (and associated provisions) in PC14. I understand this position is agreed with Council.
- 6 As explained in my evidence, the consent for LPC's CityDepot facility requires implementation of a noise management plan. The community liaison group that was established after the consent was granted was discontinued after the Canterbury earthquake sequence and has not been reactivated (despite LPC's endeavours). LPC also engages independent experts to regularly monitor noise at CityDepot and its operation to date is consistently compliant with the conditions of consent.
- 7 Given the importance of CityDepot to the wider container handling operation associated with LPC's operation I support the acoustic treatment standards proposed in LPC's submission on PC14. Mr Purves elaborates on the planning mechanism in his evidence.
- 8 After careful consideration LPC decided not to pursue rules in PC14 to limit the density of residential development on the opposite side of Port Hills Road to CityDepot. This position is limited to the specific context of PC14 and at this specific location. It does not reflect or take away from LPC's general position seeking to avoid reverse sensitivity effects from incompatible activities on port facilities.
- 9 I am happy to answer any questions relating to LPC's operations and approach to port noise management.

Dr Crystal Lenky

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