

# Technical Memo:

## Air Discharges

8/09/2025

**To:** Bryce Powell, Principal Planner, Harrison Grierson Consultants – On behalf of Auckland Council

**From:** Louis Boamponsem, Senior Specialist – Contamination, Air and Noise, Specialist Unit

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**Subject: BUN60449555: Air Quality Review for Proposed Warehouse for Vehicle Dismantling/Storage**

I have reviewed the AEE and supporting information submitted for resource consent application BUN60449555, with respect to the actual and potential air quality effects of the proposal and the provisions of the:

- *Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Air Quality) Regulations 2004 (NES:AQ)*
- *Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Industrial Process Heat) Regulations 2023 (NES:IGHG)*
- *Auckland Unitary Plan (Operative in Part), Chapter E14: Air Quality (AUP(OP)).*

The documents I have reviewed are:

- 395 Fitzgerald Road, Drury - Application for land use consent for vehicle dismantling facility, associated earthworks and stormwater management (AEE), prepared by Saddleback Ltd, May 2025, updated on 18 August 2025.
- Environmental Management Plan (Appendix D)
- Appendix K - s92 Response – Air Quality (AQR)
- 395 Fitzgerald Rd – S92 Response letter (s92 response), prepared by Babingtons, 9 June 2025

### Introduction and proposal

I understand that the Proposal, as relevant to air quality involves:

- Taha Auto Limited is seeking land use consent to develop a vehicle dismantling facility at 395 Fitzgerald Road, Drury, along with associated earthworks.

I recommend that the consent application be granted, subject to a condition similar to that proposed at the end of this memo. The reasons for this recommendation are:

- Following the s92 request, the applicant provided an assessment of the potential air discharge sources, including fuel vapour emissions during vehicle dismantling. They outlined mitigation measures—such as indoor fuel handling,

natural ventilation, and sealed containers—demonstrating that air quality effects will be less than minor and compliant with national standards.

- Discharges of odour are not likely to cause significant amenity effects:
  - Discharges of odour are not likely to cause ‘offensive or objectionable’ effects at any location outside of the site boundary.
  - The industrial nature of the near-field receiving environment (where odours are likely to be greatest) has a medium sensitivity to odours, with AUP(OP) Policy E14.3(4) specifically providing for odour in the Business – Light Industry Zone.
- I agree with the conclusions of the AEE and AQR, that the site’s air discharges are not likely to cause significant adverse effects at any location beyond the Site boundary.

## **Conclusion**

I agree with the applicant's response that

- The proposed vehicle dismantling activity will have less than minor adverse air quality effects.
- The odour mitigation measures are appropriate and consistent with industry best practice.

Therefore, I consider that the proposal is permitted under AUP (OP) E14.

### **3. Recommended condition**

AQ1. The site operation must adhere to the operational procedures, air discharge control measures and response procedures specified in the final Environmental Management Plan (EMP) certified by Auckland Council and must be made available onsite at all times.

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