

25 February 2020

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Dear Minister

Re: Application under National Environmental Standards for Air Quality – regulation 16A Exceptional Circumstances

On 6 December 2019, the National Air Quality Standard for 24-hour PM₁₀ was exceeded in the Auckland Urban airshed (at the Penrose and Papatoetoe sites) and the Auckland Rural airshed (at the Patumahoe site). Consequently, Auckland Council is seeking a determination that this exceedance was caused by exceptional circumstances, namely the plume of Australian dust storms and bushfires blown to Auckland. The information in support of this application is attached.

If further information is required regarding this application, please contact Dr Shanju Xie in the Research and Evaluation Unit (RIMU) on 021 719 659 or shanju.xie@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours sincerely



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