Appendix 1 – Authors' Qualifications

Chris Dawson

My name is Chris Dawson. I am one of the authors of this Substantive Application Report (SAR).

I am a Principal Planner at Bloxam Burnett & Olliver Limited (BBO), a multidisciplinary consulting firm providing planning, engineering, surveying and related professional services to public and private sector clients. I have over 30 years' experience as a resource management planner.

I hold a Bachelor of Social Science in Geography (First Class Honours) and a Post Graduate Diploma in Resources and Environmental Planning, both from the University of Waikato. I am a Full Member of the New Zealand Planning Institute and an accredited hearing commissioner under the Ministry for the Environment's Making Good Decisions programme (valid until 2029).

I have experience across a range of land development and infrastructure projects in the Waikato Region, working for both private-sector clients and local authorities. My experience includes the preparation and processing of resource consent applications and Notices of Requirements, the development of consenting strategies, coordination of technical inputs, engagement with local authorities and iwi, affected party engagement strategies and the interpretation and application of regional and district planning documents.

My experience relevant to this Application includes:

- I have been involved in three Fast Track Panel projects in different roles including as a member of the Panel for a high-density development in Hamilton East (2024), a condition writer for a Panel on the Arawhata Wetland project (2025) and a council technical witness for both the District Council and Regional Council inputs on a limestone quarry expansion project (2026). This has given me a good appreciation of the fast track process and the technical requirements associated with it.
- I prepared the s42A report on behalf of Waikato District Council for a private plan change to rezone 194 hectares of rural land on the southern edge of Te Kauwhata for residential development. The rezoning proposal included a retirement village, a large area of open space adjacent to Lake Waikare, a new wastewater system and an iwi reserve. I managed the process and oversaw negotiations with the applicant to reach agreement on all issues by the close of the hearing.
- I coordinated a complex s42A report for a variation to an existing windfarm consent (s127 application) including inputs from an expert technical team. The process involved a significant amount of technical assessment, a notification assessment, a public notification process and the preparation of a s42A report. The involvement of an active Government department (Department of Conservation) opposing the variation required substantial condition drafting and negotiation with a successful result. The variation was granted and no appeal was received.
- I have extensive experience in the interpretation and application of the Resource Management Act 1991, regional and district plans, national policy statements and national environmental standards.
- I regularly advise on complex consenting strategies, designation processes, conditions, alternatives assessments, effects management and the integration of technical evidence into statutory applications.

Although this Application is not before the Environment Court, I confirm that I have read the Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses contained in section 9 of the Environment Court Practice Note 2023. I agree to comply with that Code. My qualifications and experience are set out above. I am satisfied that the matters addressed by me in this Application are within my area of expertise, except where I state that I am relying on information provided by another person or expert. I have not omitted to consider any material facts known to me that might alter or detract from the opinions I express.

Quinn Langdon

My name is Quinn Langdon, and I am one of the principal authors of this Substantive Application Report.

I hold a Bachelor of Resource and Environmental Planning from the University of Waikato and am an Intermediate Member of the New Zealand Planning Institute.

I am an Intermediate Planner at BBO with over four years' experience as a resource management planner, having worked in both private consultancy and local government roles.

My experience includes preparing and processing resource consent applications across the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions for both private clients and local authorities. This includes processing rural subdivision and land development applications on behalf of local authorities in the Waikato.

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