

Before the Independent Hearing Commissioners

Under the Resource Management Act 1991

In the matter of a hearing on submissions on the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan

Topic: Rural Zone

**CMP Kokiri Limited**

Submitter number: 611

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**Summary of Evidence – Darryl Tones**

29 July 2024

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## Introduction

- 1 My full name is Darryl Tones.
- 2 I am the General Manager Operations of ANZCO Foods Limited (**ANZCO Foods**) and have held various General Manager positions for over 20 years at ANZCO Foods.
- 3 This is a summary of my statement of evidence, dated 18 March 2024.

## ANZCO Foods

- 4 ANZCO Foods owns CMP Kokiri Limited, trading as ANZCO Foods Kokiri (**ANZCO Kokiri**).
- 5 ANZCO Foods is a dynamic multinational company supplying New Zealand beef and lamb to the world. It has a fully integrated supply chain, covering procurement, processing, design, creation, marketing and delivery of food and healthcare products/solutions.
- 6 ANZCO Foods is one of New Zealand's largest exporters, with a turnover of \$1.83 billion annually<sup>1</sup>. We have a strong commitment to sustainability and to empowering rural well-being, including through the ANZCO Foods' Sponsor a School programme which originated at ANZCO Foods Kokiri site in 2011 before being taken up across the country.

## ANZCO Kokiri

- 7 ANZCO Kokiri operates a meat processing plant located at Dobson-Arnold Valley Road (the **Site**).
- 8 ANZCO Kokiri is one of the largest employers in the West Coast Region. We employ 190 people at ANZCO Kokiri, directly contributing \$133 million to the region each year through wages, salaries and supplier payments.
- 9 Meat processing activities have occurred on the Site for approximately 40 years. ANZCO Kokiri has operated the Site for in excess of 20 years.
- 10 The Site processes 80,000 cattle per year, sourced from farms across the South Island. ANZCO Kokiri typically operates one processing shift per day, 5 - 6 days a week. Livestock are delivered to the Site daily by truck, while processed meat is predominantly transported from the Site by train, together with a smaller number of truck orders.

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<sup>1</sup> ANZCO Foods Climate Change and Sustainability Report 2024.

- 11 Processing operations are largely confined to the southern part of the Site, where the Plant is located. There is significant investment on Site, including approximately 10 existing buildings which cover around 8,500m<sup>2</sup>.

### **Provision for future operations**

- 12 ANZCO Kokiri's intention is to continue operating from the Site well into the future. We have no immediate development plans, however the majority of the buildings are original and are subject to a major investment programme as they will need to be upgraded or replaced over time
- 13 We also expect Site development may be required over time to implement new technologies and processes to achieve improved environmental outcomes. For example, in 2023 a high-temperature heat pump and electric boiler were installed at ANZCO Kokiri to remove the use of coal for steam and hot water generation. This upgrade has removed 5,300t CO<sub>2</sub>e annually.
- 14 We want to ensure that ANZCO Kokiri can continue to operate and adapt as needed without being constrained by rural zone rules which do not appropriately recognise and provide for the longstanding operations on the Site.
- 15 Accurate zoning provides relevant and appropriate controls to manage Site activities and effects, and to inform assessment of any changes to the Site that may occur in the future. It also helps to notify potential neighbours of our existence, and what that might mean for them.
- 16 The TTPP process provides an opportunity to ensure that appropriate plan provisions are in place to reflect the nature of the existing land use and to assist the continued successful operation of the business into the future.

**Darryl Tones**

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