

BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT

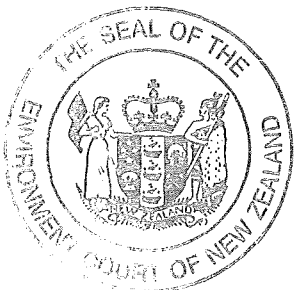
Decision No. [2017] NZEnvC 152

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991
AND of an application under s 314 of the Act
BETWEEN AUCKLAND COUNCIL
(ENV-2016-AKL-000180)
Applicant
AND CHEN HONG CO LTD
First Respondent
AND JIAWEN MAO
Second Respondent
AND EE KUOH LAU (AUGUSTINE LAU)
Third Respondent

Court: Environment Judge B P Dwyer sitting alone under s 279 of the Act
Hearing: In Chambers
Date of Decision: 13 September 2017
Date of Issue: 13 September 2017

FINAL COSTS DECISION OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT

A: Costs \$127,500 awarded.



REASONS

Introduction

[1] On 4 September 2017 I issued an interim costs decision (the Interim Decision¹) in these proceedings, determining to make a costs award in favour of Auckland Council against Chen Hong Co Ltd, Jiawen Mao and Ee Kuoh Lau (Augustine Lau) jointly and severally.

[2] The Interim Decision was subject to the rider that before the Court finally made the costs award the Council was to provide invoices pertaining to legal and witness costs which formed the bulk of the claim. Such invoices had not been included in the documents supporting the costs claim.

[3] The Council has now lodged the requested invoices with the Court, together with an explanatory memorandum. I have examined the documents and confirm that they satisfy the Court's requirements.

Outcome

[4] Chen Hong Co Ltd, Jiawen Mao and Ee Kuoh Lau (also known as Augustine Lau) are hereby jointly and severally ordered to pay to Auckland Council the sum of \$127,500 in reimbursement of costs and expenses incurred by the Council in these proceedings.

[5] This order to be enforced if need be in the District Court at Auckland.



B P Dwyer
Environment Judge



¹ Decision No [2017] NZEnvC 144.