

My name is Francis (Frank) Spencer and I am the co-owner of 52 Acacia Drive, Raumanga Whangarei.

**Site Liaison Group (SLG):** When (GBCW) first held a public meeting to explain their plan for the Pegram block I suggested that the only way forward would be for GBCW to establish a Community Liaison Group.

In anticipation, I sent them a blueprint of a similar situation involving one of Australia's largest quarrying companies, on which I held a similar voluntary position as a Community Facilitator.

This resulted in a Site Liaison Group (SLG) being established (to meet 6 monthly) to evaluate progress. However, the SLG was a farce from its very conception. Minutes were inaccurate and largely slanted to GBCW's point-of-view. When draft minutes were corrected, important matters raised were still omitted.

Initially, the SLG members were given an undertaking by GBCW that they would work with us exclusively as a group in the interest of the community as a whole.

Unfortunately, despite this understanding, GBCW were soon conducting door to door negotiations with individual residents of Acacia Park (without our knowledge) and engaging property owners to sign waiver's that effectively eliminated them from the rest of the consenting process.

**Silica** In asking GBCE about the possible presence of Silica in their overburden, I was informed that it was so minute as to be insignificant.

Where are the tests and facts to support such a statement?

Surly the Commissioners and the Council would want certainty on this issue, especially given the situation in Christchurch where unseen air borne particles (such as silica) from the quarry are reported as causing major health issues, with residence, who are having to wear masks on their own properties.

GBCW application be declined until Whangarei Regional & District Councils fully investigate and guard against their own Councils finding themselves in the same unenviable situation that now exists in Christchurch.

Allowing any quarry process so close to local residential area is a receipt for disaster, as in Christchurch with legal ramifications pending.