

**Submission**

**No 8**

## **INQUIRY INTO MANAGEMENT OF DOMESTIC WASTEWATER**

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## **Committee on Environment and Regulation Inquiry into the Management of Domestic Wastewater**

### **Suggestions on changes to legislation -Management Of Domestic Waste Water**

1. Under S103 a s68 approval lasts for 5 years from the date of issue or under s103(2) may be varied by council. **This clause should be amended to include an option that no 'end' date is required.** Do we necessarily need to specify a limit to the approval? We are able to cease the use of the system if required by issuing an order No 24 under S124 to connect to the sewer, revoke the approval under s108 or modifying the approval under the same section. Orders 21 and 25 under s124 of the Local Government Act and Prevention Notices under the POEO Act can be used depending on the circumstances. (see also item #5)
2. If no Renewal Date is necessary S107 will need to be amended so that any new owner(s) of a premise, with an existing s68 approval, automatically becomes the holder of that approval by way of association as the owner of the premises.
3. Make it mandatory to submit maintenance reports to Council at specified intervals.
4. Increase penalties for failing to comply with the conditions of the s68 approval to install and or to operate. Current penalty is not an incentive for compliance.
5. Provide an Order under s124 to require compliance with conditions of any s68 consent. Orders 2 & 4 are currently vacant. Penalties for non-compliance to be matched with item #4 above.