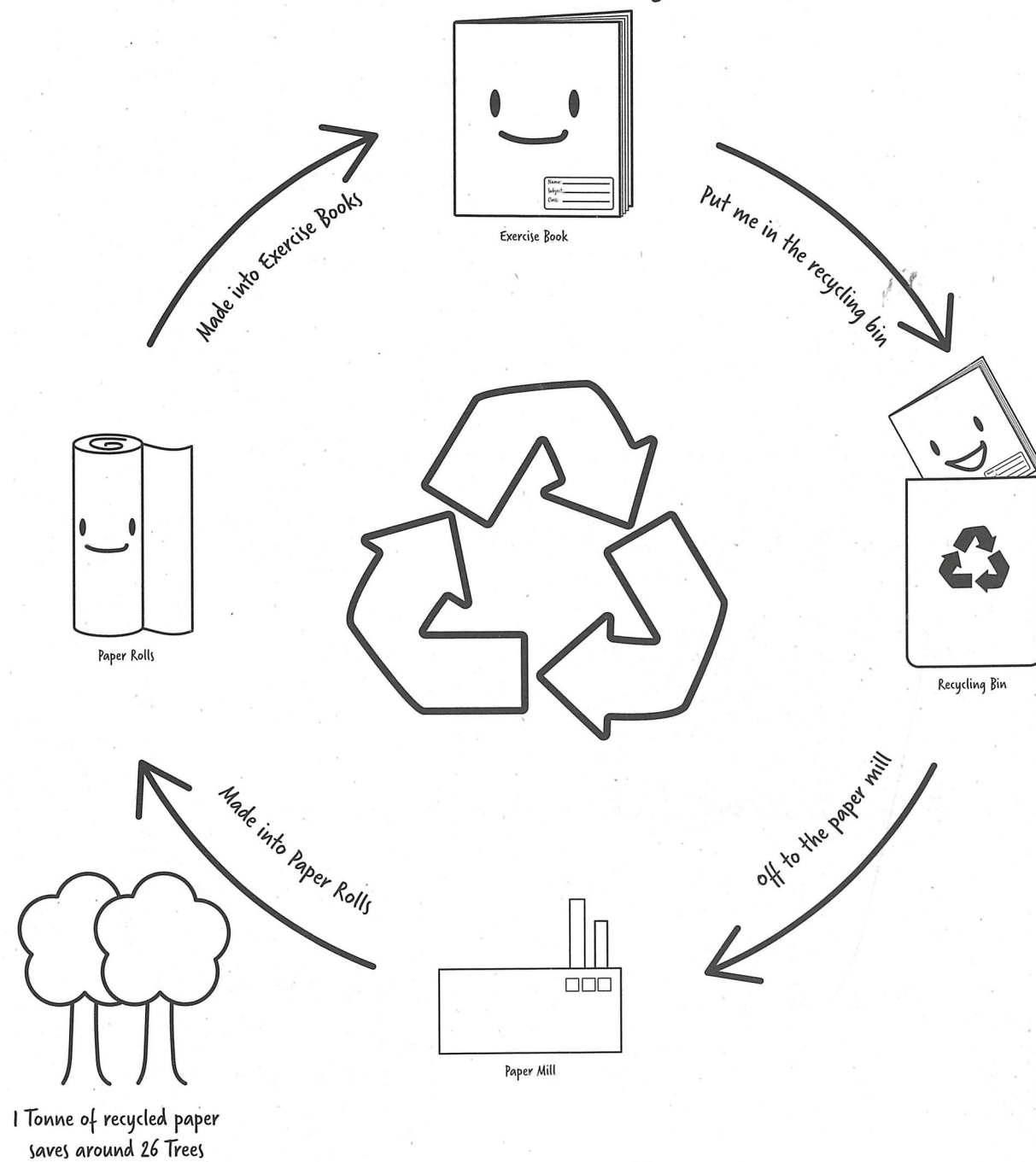


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Recycle me so I can be another book

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My name is Colin Verables

Our family farm is at 190 Brighton Rd

Its situated about 1 Km from the

Landfill in a South Easterly

direction.

I am making this submission on

behalf of myself;

My wife and two sons, who have

properties on the East side of

our farm adjoining Blackhead Road.

For some years now I have

been complaining on a Regular

Basis to the Landfill operations

management.

In the past this was

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Paul Withers, before him

various people.

As it seemed to me at the time odours were continuing

to drift over our property, so

when Paul left, I have been

calling the ORC Pollution Department,

mainly from the end of 2023

till now.

The reason we are making this

Submission is because we

missed an opportunity to Submit

on the recent Application by

the OCC to have approved

the new green waste facility

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at this site.

On reading reports in the O.D.T.

of these proceedings we were

astounded to hear that the

Landfill has had very few

complaints about Odour

problems in the last five or six

years.

I seem to recall the number was

less than 10.

This statement was incredible to us,

as we had made numerous calls

to the Landfill management.

Sometimes twice or three times

a week and they spoke of

④ trying to overcome odour problems by installing Scent Cannons which failed on occasions and other efforts which would minimise bad odours.

The main problems I've found out were when the Landfill dug trenches to bury hardcore coming from the Tahuna Water Treatment Plant which on occasions had problems disposing of this material due to breakdowns at that plant.

I was informed of this situation by a staff member

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at the Tahuna Facility, so when I spoke to the Green Island Landfill manager he agreed that they were covering these trenches more quickly to minimise odour.

I was informed numerous times that my complaints were being logged and they were doing their best to minimise the odours, this was obviously not happening.

These odours drift over to our properties when the wind conditions are mainly from a Norwest direction; ^{Generally} ~~mainly~~ when there is a wafting breeze from that direction.

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Over the years this has been the mornings, but other times late afternoon, and the problem is that the smell goes and comes back and when we have been visited by ORC staff, often the smell has gone.

Normally I usually wait at least 10 minutes of constant odour before I contact the ORC.

These smells are from an intense dead fish odour to earthy type smells when they

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are processing at the landfill.

They are often vile and we have to close house windows and exit our yard when they arrive.

In the last 6 months odours seem to be less over the months but as we are not always about we may miss them.

We have this year starting noting down odour times!

For example:- 4/3/25 8.30 am Dead fish Smell.

9.20 am another 5 minutes of bad odours.

17/03
LAST NIGHT 5.30 PM
My son SMELL THE LANDFILL
ON THE STREET Below our Place

10/3/25 My daughter-in-law rang to say the odour was intense in the morning -

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Their house is up the hill above our house
We were out so did not smell it.

I note in the councils

submission there is a

statement, a condition on the operation of the present

Landfill should be no offensive

noxious dangerous or

objectable odours at or

beyond the boundary to the

extent it causes adverse

effects.

Up until now the DCC have

failed in this endeavour despite

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that this is already a condition in existing Resource Consents.

What is going to change!!!?

Whilst we understand the

reasons the D.C.C. wish to

continue operations at the

present site until 2030 and

the very substantial cost to

Ratepayers to close it early then

we do not object to its

continuance, however they need

to substantially improve the

odour situation so all neighbours

of this site, do not have to put

up with objectionable smells

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emanating from this
operation.