

## **Ministerial Direction to refer the Global Contracting Solutions Ltd resource consent applications to a board of inquiry**

I consider that Global Contracting Solutions Limited's (GCSL's) application for the resource consents required for the construction and operation of a waste-to-energy facility in the Waipā District (the matters) are a proposal of national significance. Under section 142(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), I direct these matters to be referred to a Board of Inquiry for a decision.

### **National Significance**

Having had regard to section 142(3) and section 142(4) of the RMA, including the advice and recommendations of the Environmental Protection Authority, I consider that the matters are a proposal of national significance and refer it to a board of inquiry for the following reasons:

1. the matters have aroused widespread public concern or interest regarding its actual or likely effect on the environment, and
2. the matters involve or is likely to involve technology, processes, or methods that are new to New Zealand and affect its environment.

### **Direction to a Board of Inquiry**

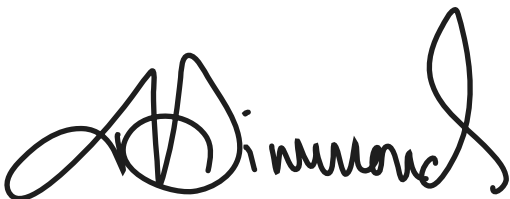
I direct that the matters be referred to a board of inquiry of three to five members. The board of inquiry must include an appointee(s) nominated by the Waikato River Authority, pursuant to section 29(3) of the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010.

In reaching my decision, I considered:

- a) the views of the applicant (Global Contracting Solutions Limited) and the relevant local authorities (Waikato Regional Council and Waipā District Council);
- b) the capacity of the local authority to process the matter; and
- c) the recommendations of the Environmental Protection Authority.

Dated at Wellington this

17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024



Hon Penny Simmonds  
**Minister for the Environment**