

Peer Reviewer Statement

I am a Public Health Medicine Specialist, registered on the Public Health Medicine Vocational Register with the Medical Council of New Zealand. I obtained my initial medical degree from Otago University in 1979, and my specialist qualification in 1987. I also have a Diploma of Occupational Medicine from Auckland University (1997).

I did some background investigative work on the use and safety profile of Btk associated with the White Spotted Tussock Moth campaign in Auckland in the 1990s. I was therefore aware of many of the potential health-related issues associated with the use of Btk prior to being asked by Aeraqua Medical Services to formally peer review the current report.

In peer reviewing the AGM Health Service report I have assessed the technical quality of the report as well as its structure and ease of comprehension.

I confirm that the finished report is a complete and technically appropriate description of the activities of, and presentations to, the AGM Health Service. I have reviewed the contractual objectives for the AGM Health Service (page 3 of the First Schedule of the AGM Monitoring Contract). and I believe those objectives have been addressed by the report. I am also aware that in the near future a further report (Study B) will compare the apparent health-related impact of the AGM spray campaign with that associated with the PAM and WSTM spray campaigns.

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