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Dear Russel

**NOISE COMPLAINTS – FOREST FUSION 'WORKSHOP' AT 9 WARREN PLACE MAPUA  
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

Further to our meeting on 13 June 2012 I would confirm the following:

As we discussed this department has received numerous complaints of noise nuisance emanating from the workshop premises at 9 Warren Place Ruby Bay Mapua.

You have asked me for some clarification on the legal responsibilities regarding excessive noise issues. I have attached a summary of the responsibilities of persons with regard to noise disturbance and the legal framework and penalties.

NB In this case, the noise from activities at the workshop has in the past been subjectively assessed as being unreasonable. I appreciate the work you have done in the past with straw bales to try to reduce the noise 'escaping' from the unit, but this has not resulted in significant reduction of noise disturbance. As we discussed, if the roller shutter door is open this will allow the noise to 'escape' and that noise could reach levels that could constitute a nuisance in terms of the legislation highlighted above.

We have agreed that you will be closing the roller shutter door when you are to carry out any 'noisy' activities e.g. grinding, planning, or hammering. This should reduce the likelihood of complaints being received by Council.

I will forward a copy of this letter onto Doug McCloud of the Dept of Labour for his information as he has been dealing with the welding issue.

If you need to speak to me my contact details are above.

Yours sincerely

Peter Harcom  
**Environmental Health Officer**