

## **ENDORSEMENT**

### **A & M EXCAVATING LIMITED – Andrew Ward**

Requiring maintenance on our lifestyle block in Poraiti we learnt of Andrew through an acquaintance, contacting him in October 2007. Within a week Andrew came out and assessed the site, and discussed the work required. Lead time was approximately three or four weeks, including drying out after wet weather. Andrew kept us informed of progress, and promptly arrived at the agreed time in November, with his 12 tonne Hitachi excavator complete with tilt bucket, and dump truck.

Work done included:

- Reforming banks on a sloping 1.5 hectare property.
- Remodelling large bank at rear of house.
- Back-filled footing for retaining wall.
- Digging out drains.
- Reinstating temporary access drive across paddocks.
- Excavating for and placing septic tank for our drain layer.
- Excavating for two concrete terraces with minimal damage to our existing lawn.
- Ramming in fence posts with excavator.
- Resurfacing 300 metres of driveway, and top-coating with crushed limestone.
- Removal of large olive tree that had split.
- Collection of 8 cubic metres of bark with his truck.

What immediately impressed us with Andrew was what a really nice guy he was, and his skills and expertise at using his machine. In addition he was very obliging and offered suggestions and solutions to our problems. He was very reliable, always arriving when he said he would, and produced top-quality work. Using the tilt bucket resulted in a fantastic finish to the banks, and with the bank behind the house which had minimal clearance this gave him manoeuvrability without damaging the house. Until you see one in use you don't realise the flexibility of this equipment. Andrew also assisted us with some chain-saw work.

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