

Comments on the substantive application

Drury Quarry Expansion-Sutton Block [FTAA-2503-1037]

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Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) has reviewed the substantive application for the Drury Quarry Expansion – Sutton Block, with input from specialist regional heritage staff with Māori heritage, planning and archaeological expertise.

We note that the project area does not contain any built heritage sites entered on the New Zealand Heritage List/Rārangi Kōrero or sites contained on the Heritage schedule of the Auckland Unitary Plan.

We note that in response to concerns raised during consultation with Ngāti Tamaoho and Ngaati Te Ata Waiohua in 2023, SAL redesigned the LOQ extent to avoid all scheduled wāhi tapu and taonga sites within the project area. Extensive native planting and ongoing pest control is proposed along the northern and north-eastern slopes of Kaarearea Paa. Further, in response to concerns about potential vibration effects from the quarry operation on Kaarearea Paa management and mitigation measures to control blasting will be put in place to ensure compliance with vibration limits and the electric conveyor belt will transport the rock, minimising the volume and frequency of trucks passing Kaarearea Paa.

We acknowledge that the substantive application includes an approval for an archaeological authority. We refer the Panel to the recommendations set out in the report provided under s 51(2)(d) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 for our comments and recommendations.

Overall, based on the information provided, we have no objection to the approval of the resource consents for the construction and operation of a new quarry pit called the "Sutton Block" within the existing Stevenson Aggregates Limited (SAL) landholdings at Drury.