

Attn Maggiw Burns

Application Lead , Fast Track Team

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Hunua Quarry Fast-track Application. My partner Jan and I have lived at [REDACTED] for approximately 20 years. During this time we have enjoyed the rural character of the area which we appreciate has included the existing quarry operation as limited by existing resource consent conditions. Intervening exotic and native vegetation between our dwelling and the existing quarry means that our indoor and outdoor living areas are not visually exposed to the quarry.

Our specific concerns relate to:

- a) Potential rural character issues relating to the proposed extended quarrying hours.
- b) Potential visual amenity effects.

Rural Character and Operating Hours

We understand that existing operations are required to cease at 1.00pm on a Saturday. To maintain our existing level of rural amenity we request that **Condition 81** in relation to **Construction Noise** is amended to read as follows:

Construction works must only take place on site between the hours of 7.30am to 6:00pm, Monday to ~~Friday~~ Saturday and 7.30am to 1.00pm on Saturday. This condition does not prevent quiet Construction work from taking place outside standard construction hours providing the noise emissions are inaudible at the notional boundary of any occupied dwelling.

We also request consequential changes to the conditions to reflect this revised timing of operation.

Visual Amenity Effects

Appendix 3 to the Landscape Effects Assessment prepared by Boffa Miskell identifies **moderate-high** adverse visual effects in relation to our property. We understand that this corresponds to a 'more than minor' effect and falls just short of a 'significant' adverse effect on the effects rating scale used in the Boffa Miskell assessment.

An off-site Visual Mitigation Planting Condition is proposed for properties identified as experiencing **moderate-high** adverse visual effects, such as our property. We note that the assessors have not visited our property and hence their assessment of visual amenity effects on our property can only be an estimate 'at best' as our dwelling is not visible from Ponga Road.

Given the scale of the potential effect (ie effectively one notch away from 'significant'), along with the fact that the assessors have not visited our property nor been able to see it from a publicly accessible location, we request that:

- a) The applicant prepare (and provide to us) two digital terrain model view of the development from our property clearly showing the various development stages and testing the location of potential mitigation planting. The first model view should rely on landform LiDAR data only. The second model view should rely on landform and vegetation LiDAR data.
- b) The applicant's assessors visit our property to discuss potential off site vegetation mitigation measures as soon as possible and before the consent is granted, so that we can understand the realistic influence of potential mitigation measures and potential timing of such plantings relative to the various stages of the proposal.

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