



Oparure Quarry South-Western Pit
Application for referral under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

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CONSULTATION**

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Ōparure South-Western Pit

Application for Referral to the Fast-track Approvals Process

Background

Graymont (NZ) Limited

Graymont (NZ) Limited ('Graymont') is a wholly owned subsidiary of Graymont Limited, a global operation associated with the manufacture and supply of lime and limestone products with significant quarrying experience here and overseas. Graymont currently operates plants in four locations across New Zealand, with three of these situated within the Waikato Region, being the Ōparure quarry together with lime kilns in both Otorohanga and Te Kūiti. Graymont also operates the Makareao plant and quarry in North Otago.

Graymont supplies quality lime and limestone products to the agricultural, animal health, construction, water treatment, environmental and industrial markets of New Zealand and the Asia Pacific regions. Graymont's products are essential for mitigating a multitude of environmental impacts, as well as remaining indispensable for vital industrial processes. Consistency of supply of quality product is critical to a number of Graymont's customers, including those that require product for drinking water and wastewater treatment, and for pollution mitigation / remediation.

The Ōparure Quarry

Graymont's Ōparure Quarry, which is located just north of Te Kūiti in the Waitomo District, is New Zealand's largest single limestone quarry. The project area is zoned as a Rural Production Site because it is identified as a regionally significant mineral resource in the Regional Policy Statement. The Ōparure Quarry has all consents required for its current operation.

The value of maintaining this local supply became particularly apparent during the Covid-19 global pandemic, during which Graymont continued to operate as an essential service provider in every jurisdiction it operates in. With the disruption of supply chains globally, having local supply of lime products to provide for clean drinking water, environmental water treatment, construction products and food and consumable products (amongst other things) was, and continues to be essential.

Referral application

Graymont is preparing to lodge an application for referral of its proposal to develop and operate the Ōparure South-Western Pit adjacent to the existing pit at Ōparure ('the Project') to the Fast-track Approvals process under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

The Project entails the development, operation and progressive rehabilitation of a new pit (shown inside the blue area on **Figure 1**) at the Ōparure limestone quarry. The application will seek all regional and district consents necessary to undertake these activities.

Should Graymont's application for referral be accepted, then a substantive application, meeting the requirements of the Fast-track Approvals Act, will be lodged with the Environmental Protection Authority.

Purpose of this document

The purpose of this document is to provide a summary of the Project to facilitate pre-lodgement consultation for the referral application.



Figure 1: Location of the proposed Ōparure South – Western Pit and haul road

History of the application

Graymont purchased the Ōparure Quarry in 2015 and has been working to sustain the long-term viability of its operations since then. Over the last several years, this has materialised as a proposal to develop a second pit at Ōparure and Graymont has undertaken numerous investigations and assessments of the site and its resource. It has obtained advice from experts on matters relating to a wide range of potential effects including air quality, archaeology, landscape, noise and vibration, recreation, traffic, water resources, ecology and cultural effects.

Graymont has also undertaken engagement with key stakeholders including the Waikato Regional Council, Waitomo District Council, local tourism operators, neighbours, and mana whenua. In October 2022, Graymont lodged an application for resource consent under the Resource Management Act 1991 ('RMA') for the development of the Western (Pakeho) Pit (see **Figure 2**) on 19 October 2022.



Figure 2: Location of Ōparure Western Pit

Since lodgement, Graymont responded to several requests for further information from the District and Regional Councils and has also continued to iterate its proposal as a result of engagement with key stakeholders. As a result of further work and engagement, including in relation to further detailed investigations of the Ōparure South-Western pit's karst drainage system, Graymont decided to substantially reduce the footprint of the pit. This was to avoid the Northern catchment which drains into the upper Mangawhitikau catchment (which is an ecologically sensitive area, known specifically for glowworms). The revised proposal is now limited to the Southern catchment in order to reduce the uncertainty of, and potential adverse effects on, the upper Mangawhitikau catchment.

Graymont's revised resource consent application was limited notified to Te Nehenehenui Trust and the Ōparure Marae in April 2024. Given the timing uncertainties of the RMA consenting process, and the need for Graymont to have operational certainty as soon as possible to enable it to continue to meet the demand for limestone products, Graymont has decided to seek referral of its application under the Fast Track Act.

Description of the Project

Quarrying at the Ōparure South-Western pit would be, as at the existing pit, opencast. The area to be disturbed over the lifetime of the pit would be 57.4 ha by 2053. However, only small sections

would be quarried in stages, and then rehabilitated as described below. Mining infrastructure associated with the pit would include a 1.3 km haul road (indicated by the green lines in **Figure 1**). No public conservation land would be affected.

The Ōparure South-Western pit is designed to maximise the efficient use of the limestone resource while also minimising effects on neighbours. At its closest it is 50 m from cadastral boundaries but is generally more than 100 m distant. All dwellings except one are at least 500 m away from the pit crest.

Betterment Plan

Intrinsic to the Project is Graymont's extensive commitments on the Ōparure Quarry site and in the wider catchment, based on robust expert advice and Graymont's commitment to sustainable growth and a strict adherence to responsible environmental, workplace, and operating practices. These commitments aim to:

- a) Compensate for the loss of indigenous terrestrial, karst and aquatic (freshwater) habitat and provide betterment in accordance with the Waikato River Authority's *Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River*;
- b) Reduce the net contribution that the Project makes to the contaminant (sediment and nutrient) load that is discharged to the downstream surface and groundwater resources; and
- c) Advance measures and initiatives to address the actual and potential cultural effects of the Project.

A betterment approach will lead to an overall positive outcome for the Mangawhitikau catchment, due to improvements to water quality and increased habitat through planting of streams, hillsides and tomos.

The betterment initiatives include:

- Improved sediment control for Camelot Stream by reducing overland runoff to ephemeral gully streams;
- Improved sediment control for cropping fields that drain to tomos or surface waterways;
- Pest and predator management of significant forested areas, tomos and at entrances to caves;
- Restoration and enhancement of proposed Significant Natural Areas;
- Extensive riparian planting;
- Pōtea (Gate Spring) enhancement;
- Karst ecosystem protection and enhancement; and,
- Bat, Bird and Lizard Management.

Operations

The Ōparure South-Western pit will be quarried in stages. After vegetation on the section of a quarry stage is cleared, topsoil will be removed to a depth not exceeding 4 m, and stored for up to 18 months.

Overburden below the topsoil would be removed, generally during dry periods, to expose the underlying limestone resource. Overburden would be placed into the pits from previous quarrying stages to restore the landscape to a natural form, and then covered with the topsoil to reinstate productive farmland.

The manufacturing, processing, storage and transport facilities that service the existing Ōparure Pit will also service the new pit. The only new manufacturing plant in the Project would be a mobile crushing plant. Some of limestone from the South-Western Pit will be transported by road to Graymont's Ōtorohanga and Te Kūiti sites for processing to produce quicklime and hydrated lime. The truck traffic volumes from the Project will not exceed the current quarry's maximum truck numbers.

All heavy trucks and quarry vehicles will access the Ōparure South-Western pit via a haul road from the existing Opārure Pit. The existing light vehicle access to the woolshed will be retained. No new entrance way to Opārure Road is proposed.

Figure 4 shows a concept rehabilitation plan, showing the areas that would be reinstated as productive farmland (pasture) (light pastel green), and where native canopy planting (dark lime green), native shrubland planting (light lime green), covenant revegetation (dark green) and riparian planting (blue) would take place.

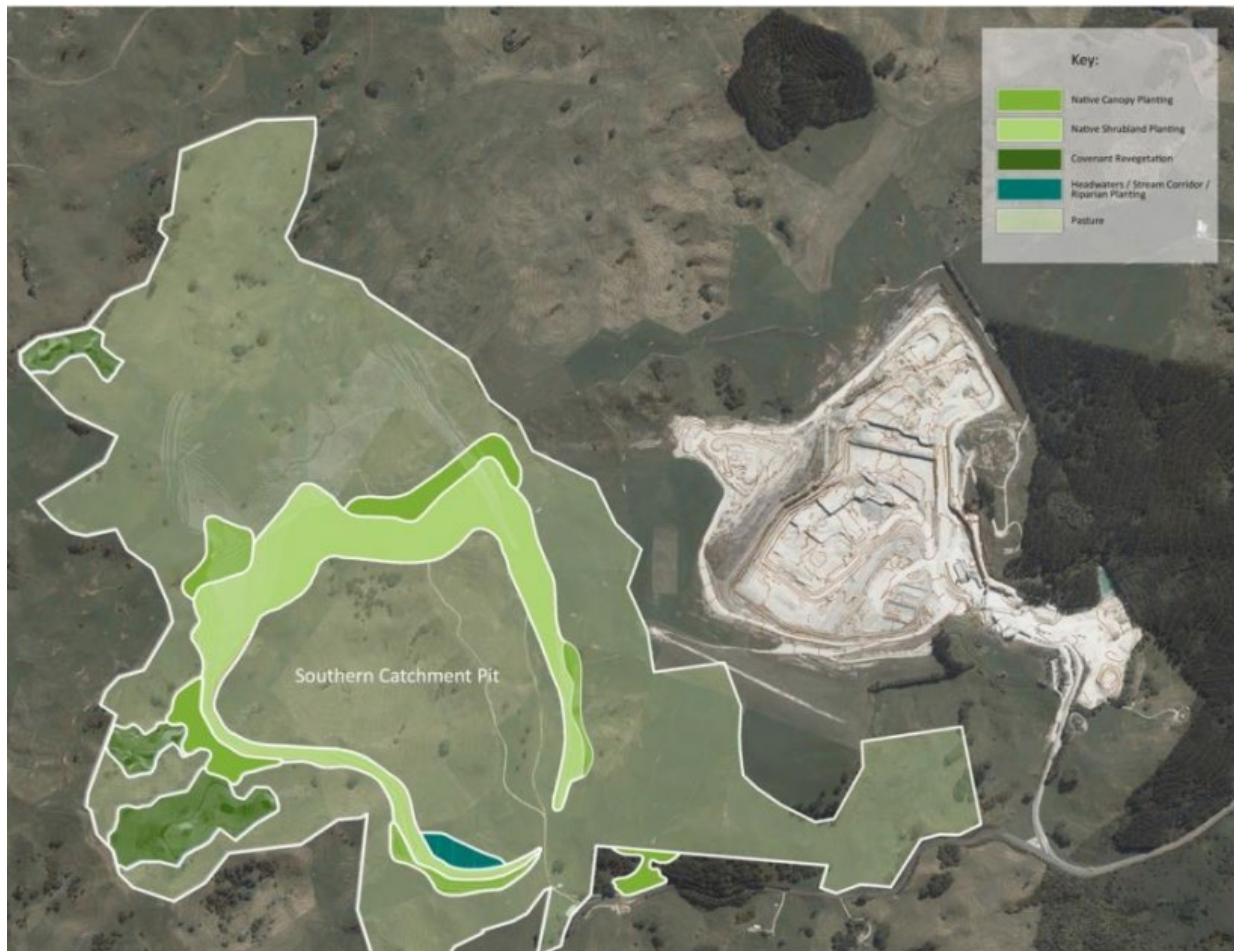


Figure 4: Conceptual rehabilitation plan

Assessment of effects

Graymont has retained experts to obtain advice on Air Quality, Archaeology, Contaminated Land, Landscape and Visual Effects, Noise and Vibrations, Recreation and Tourism, Traffic, Water Resources, Aquatic Ecology, Subterranean Ecology, Terrestrial Ecology, Cultural Effects, and Economics.

Below is a brief summary of the advice to date. Further information will be provided in the referral application and if the Project is referred, detailed assessment reports will be included with the application for approval.

Water Quality

Stormwater from the Project will drain through the karst system and emerge at the Pōtea and Pumphouse Springs. The Pōtea Spring flows to the Manhawhitikau Stream, where historic sediment concentrations have been measured. Sediment concentrations (which include the effects of current operations) are lower at Pōtea Spring than those in the Mangawhitikau River in all flow conditions.

Due to the distance of the Ōparure South-Western pit from the Pōtea Spring and the progressive rehabilitation of the existing quarry, no measurable increase in the concentration of sediment in the Mangawhitikau Stream is expected.

Extensive erosion and sediment control measures that minimise the sediment load will be implemented on site. The Betterment Plan also includes initiatives aimed at reducing sediment reaching rivers in the broader catchment.

Continuous monitoring of turbidity is proposed at an unnamed tributary that flows into the Camelot Stream upgradient of the South-Western pit and at Pōtea Spring. Event-based monitoring in rivers and monitoring of the stormwater conveyance and sediment retention ponds associated with the pit will also be undertaken.

Aquatic Ecology

No direct impacts or loss of surface waterbodies is predicted to occur as a result of the Project.

Sediment from the project area, could, however potentially affect aquatic ecology in rivers downstream of the pit. Streambed and aquatic ecology monitoring proposed, to verify that predicted effects are no more than minor.

Terrestrial Ecology

The Project requires the removal of approximately 10 ha of karst ecosystem features, 1.19 ha of small indigenous bush remnants, and the loss of moderate value habitat and food source for native fauna and invertebrates.

The Ōparure South-Western Pit is located adjacent to two proposed Significant Natural Areas ('pSNA'). A 50 m setback from the pSNAs is proposed. Graymont also propose habitat rehabilitation through indigenous planting to provide a vegetated link between two native bush blocks.

Significant additional native planting and sediment reduction actions are proposed. This will provide increased habitat for terrestrial fauna including birds, bats and lizards. Rehabilitation will include pest and predatory control, and fencing to exclude goats, pigs, deer and stock. This restoration will provide a net betterment for terrestrial ecology values, through increasing the size and quality of indigenous vegetation and karst habitat in the local area.

In addition to this habitat restoration, fauna management plans will mitigate adverse effects to birds, bats and lizards.

Monitoring will be undertaken to confirm indigenous planting success and pest and predator control.

Extensive management plans will accompany the application and form a critical part of the Project. All necessary Wildlife Act authorities will be or already have been obtained.

Caves

The development of the Southern Catchment will result in the loss of seven identified caves. To offset this loss, 21 cave entrances and caves will be enhanced by Graymont.

Potential direct effects to the Camelot Cave Stream will be avoided through a 200 m buffer. Graymont will also conduct further investigations to define the extent of the Camelot Cave Stream, which will inform future avoidance strategies. All subsurface flow will be retained in the Camelot catchment, as occurs for the existing quarry.

Archaeology and Historic Heritage

The Project will have no effects on any known archaeological sites or historic values.

Conditions of consent are proposed to include accidental discovery protocols under Kō Tā Mahere Taiao to follow in the event of the accidental discovery of archaeological sites, taonga or koiwi.

Landscape and Visual

The Ōparure South-Western pit is located in a pasture-dominated, working rural landscape that is used for sheep farming and is bisected by fencing and tracks. Without mitigation, the Project would have effects on viewpoints on Boddies Road and from the Kiwi Cave Rafting / Spellbound Glowworm Tours accessway to the Mangawhitikau Cave system. Graymont therefore proposes a line of tree planting north-east of the new pit to screen and buffer its expansion into rising terrain down the western and south-western sides of the site in the future.

Noise and Vibrations

Noise levels and blast related effects will be predicted to determine whether noise limits of the Waitomo District Plan would be exceeded to determine if this would require a resource consent.

Dust

Dust suppression will be required on haul roads, access roads, working benches, stockpiles and laydown areas. Dust will also be managed by limiting speed limits on unsealed roads and the use of water, to be taken from an existing consented source in the existing quarry.

Cultural Values

Graymont has expressed commitment to engaging with mana whenua, which has been taking place over the last five years through the iwi-led Regional Management Committee (now Te Tokanganui-a-noho Whare) and the Ōparure Marae.

A Cultural Impact Assessment has been prepared by Ōparure Marae and Te Tokanganui-a-noho Whare which included reviewing draft expert reports. The CIA adopts an analytical framework based on the key values of the marae that are also supported by Tā Maniapoto Mahere Taiao (the Maniapoto Environmental Plan) and Te Ture Whaimana (Vision and Strategy) which directly speak to the aspirations of tangata whenua affiliated through whakapapa with the Waipā River system and recognising its downstream connection to Te Awa Waikato.

The CIA does not constitute agreement to the application nor unfettered support by tangata whenua of the quarry activities.

Graymont recognises the important role mana whenua have as kaitiaki and shares a vision for a flourishing Mangapu River. Concerns raised and recommendations made in the CIA have informed expert studies, the AEE, Graymont's Betterment Plan and the conditions Graymont will seek.



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Oparure Site Development

**RELIABLY MEETING NEW ZEALAND'S DEMAND
FOR CALCIUM-BASED SOLUTIONS**

Our commitment to New Zealand's sustainable development

Graymont owns and operates New Zealand's largest limestone quarry located in Oparure. Operating for more than 40 years, the site manufactures high-quality limestone products that have supplied New Zealand essential calcium-based solutions and supported the local economy through job creation and direct community support.

Our limestone products are used to:

- ✓ Produce clean drinking water
- ✓ Enhance road building material to reduce construction and maintenance costs
- ✓ Treat pollutants and waste from other industries
- ✓ Provide vital calcium for food generation such as poultry and dairy
- ✓ Produce essential goods such as paper and steel products

Oparure Site Development

Graymont's proposal to develop our Oparure site will allow us to continue producing lime and limestone products reliably and sustainably. It is an opportunity to protect the local supply of calcium-based solutions, support local jobs and meet our customers' needs for decades to come.

Over the last 5 years, we have conducted extensive environmental studies which are now being assessed by local and regional councils. Graymont has also consulted with tangata whenua to inform our development proposal and protect the region's cultural heritage. This reflects our commitment to deploying world-class environmental and community engagement practices.

“Graymont is committed to exceptional health, safety, and environmental performance over the long term. With rigorous tracking, and full transparency into our progress, we are continuously and proactively expanding our participation in sustainability.”

Graymont. The reliable global leader for essential calcium-based solutions.



A commitment to environmental betterment.

Our commitment to minimising impact on the environments we work in is an integral element of Graymont's Oparure site development proposal.

Our proposal to **protect and enhance** the local natural environment includes:



Planting more than **100,000 native plants**



Establishing **new areas** of native forest



Protecting existing stands of **native bush**



Maintaining water quality by **riparian planting** and enhancement



Retiring or planting steep pastures to **mitigate sediment**



Fencing off and enhancing selected cave entrances to **protect** existing ecosystems and manage erosion



Pest control

Working with our communities

At Graymont New Zealand, we are committed to working with our local communities and tangata whenua. Over the past four decades we have established a working history with local councils, communities, stakeholders, and marae in the Te Kuiti region.



GRAYMONT SUPPORTS COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

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RECORDS OF CONSULTATION WITH WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL

From:

[REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, 22 June 2026 13:17:52

To:

[REDACTED]

Subject: WRC Response to Section 30(3) of the FTAA

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Kia ora

[REDACTED]

Please find attached WRC's s30(3) response.

Regards

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Hello [REDACTED]

RE: Section 30 FTAA Notification – Oparure Quarry South-Western Pit Project

Thank you for your letter dated 17th June 2026 notifying the Waikato Regional Council that Graymont (NZ) Limited will be applying for all necessary approvals under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA) for the expansion of Graymont's existing limestone quarrying operation, including the development, operation and progressive rehabilitation of the new south-western pit at the existing Oparure Quarry located at 806 Oparure Road, Te Kūiti.

Your letter advises that the Project will require resource consents under the Resource Management Act 1991 ("RMA"). You have requested the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) confirms that in accordance with section 30(3) of the FTAA, there are no existing consents to which sections 124C(1)(c) or 165ZI of the Resource Management Act 1991 ("the RMA") would apply if the Project were to be applied for as a resource consent(s) under the RMA.

The Company currently has an application before the Council for this project that has been limited notified. This application is currently subject to a timeframe extension to enable the Company to seek approvals through the FTAA process. WRC staff understand that the Project to be applied for via the FTAA consists of a modified Project from that originally applied for under the RMA. Specifically, the Project has now been modified to avoid the northern Spellbound Cave system and it is this modified application that was subject to the aforementioned limited notified process and will be applied for via the substantive Fast Track process.

Based on the application that is currently before the Council WRC staff can advise that as of the date of this letter there are no existing consents to which section 124C(1)(c) of the RMA would apply if the project were to be applied for as a resource consent under the RMA. Further, WRC can confirm that 165ZI of the RMA does not apply as the proposed project is not located in common marine and coastal area in accordance with the Waikato Regional Coastal Plan (proposed or operative). WRC staff understand that in accordance with the FTAA, the application currently lodged with WRC will be withdrawn upon acceptance of the substantive application for processing.

Should you require any further information with regard to the above, please contact Sheryl Roa – Principal Consents Advisor via email at [REDACTED]

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Manager – Regional Consents, Resource Use

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2026 9:55 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: s30 notification | Graymont South-Western Pit FTAA project

Thanks [REDACTED]

Your s30 letter is acknowledged and I will aim to get a response back to you next week.

[REDACTED]
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Subject: Re: s30 notification | Graymont South-Western Pit FTAA project

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Kia ora [REDACTED]

Please find attached a letter notifying the Waikato Regional Council under s30 of the Fast-track Approvals Act for the Oparure South-Western Pit Project. I have also attached the associated referral decision for this project.

Please let me know if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager

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17 June 2026

Waikato Regional Council

Attn: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe

Section 30 FTAA Notification – Oparure Quarry South-Western Pit project

This letter constitutes notification by Graymont (NZ) Limited to Waikato Regional Council under section 30(2) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 ("**FTAA**").

On 2 June 2026, the Minister for Infrastructure accepted for referral the Oparure Quarry South-Western Pit project ("**Project**"), and confirmed Graymont as the person authorised to lodge a substantive application for the Project. The Minister's referral decision is **attached**.

The Project is to expand Graymont's existing limestone quarrying operation, including the development, operation and progressive rehabilitation of the new south-western pit at the existing Oparure Quarry located at 806 Oparure Road, Te Kūiti. The Project involves the establishment of a new haul road to the Project area, the commencement of resource extraction in stages, infill with the overburden sourced from the following stage, and landscape restoration to a natural form and reinstatement to productive farmland.

The Project will require resource consents under the Resource Management Act 1991 ("**RMA**"). Under section 30(3), the Council must respond within 10 working days of this letter advising Graymont whether any existing resource consents to which sections 124C(1)(c) or 165ZI of the RMA would apply, or confirming there are none. We understand there are no such existing consents.

Graymont intends to lodge its substantive application for the Project this month, and would therefore be grateful for the Regional Council's urgent attention to this matter.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager

14 January 2026

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Kia ora | Hello [REDACTED]

RE: APP148506 Fast-track – Graymont; Oparure Quarry South Western Pit referral application

In response to your letter dated 17 December 2025, and follow-up email dated 14 January 2026, titled 'Pre-lodgement consultation for referral application of Graymont's Oparure Quarry South-Western Pit', I can confirm that Graymont has undertaken consultation with the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) to meet the consultation requirements for a referral application, as required by section 11(1)(a) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024. The consultation comprised pre-circulation of Graymont's Fast-track proposal summary and an in-person meeting at the WRC between Graymont representatives and senior consent staff on 2 December 2025.

As per the advice previously provided to you by WRC consents staff, I can confirm that no further information is required from Graymont in respect of the proposal at this time.

Should you require any further information with regard to the above, please contact Brent Vyle, Senior Consents Officer, via email at [REDACTED] or via phone on [REDACTED]

Ngā mihi | Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Acting Manager – Regional Consents
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From:

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Sent: Wednesday, 14 January 2026 2:20 pm

To

[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Graymont Oparure SW Pit Project | FTAA referral application consultation

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Afternoon

[REDACTED]

Formal WRC letter reply attached.

Kind regards,

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Great, thank you.

cheers

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H ██████████

I did thanks. Trust you had a good break too!

I'll get this underway now. Should have it out to you Thursday/Friday this week.

Kind regards,

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I hope you had a good break and managed to find some nice weather over Christmas/NY.

Just wondering when we might expect a response from WRC on this letter.

Regards

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Subject: RE: Graymont Oparure SW Pit Project | FTAA referral application consultation

Tēnā Koe [REDACTED]

Please find attached a letter for pre-lodgement referral consultation under the Fast-Track Approvals Act. For completeness I have also included the summary of the project which we have provided to other stakeholders.

Ngā mihi

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Attention: [REDACTED]

Tēnā Koe,

Pre-lodgement consultation for referral application of Graymont's Ōparure Quarry South-Western Pit

Graymont (NZ) Limited is preparing to lodge an application for referral of its proposal to develop and operate the Ōparure Quarry South-Western Pit ('the Project') to the Fast-track Approvals process under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 ('FTAA').

This letter is to fulfil the requirement for consultation with the Waikato Regional Council as a relevant local authority under s11(1)(a) of the FTAA. Please see a description of the Project and Site below.

Project and Site Description

The Project entails the development, operation and progressive rehabilitation of new pit (the South-Western Pit) at Graymont's Ōparure limestone quarry, located at 806 Ōparure Road, in the Waitomo District ("the **Site**"). The site is legally described as Lot 2 DPS 33442, Lot 1 DPS 77130, Lot 1 DPS 74022 and Lot 2DPS 77130.

Graymont supplies quality lime and limestone products to the agricultural, animal health, construction, water treatment, environmental and industrial markets of New Zealand and the Asia Pacific regions. Graymont's products are essential for mitigating a multitude of environmental impacts, as well as remaining indispensable for vital industrial processes. The purpose of this project is to ensure consistency of supply of quality product critical to a number of Graymont's customers, including those that require product for drinking water and wastewater treatment, and for pollution mitigation / remediation.

Quarrying at the Ōparure South-Western pit would be, as at the existing pit, opencast. The area to be disturbed over the lifetime of the pit would be 57.4 ha by 2053. However, only small sections would be quarried in stages, and then rehabilitated. Mining infrastructure associated with the pit would include a 1.3 km haul road.

The Site is currently a pasture-dominated, working rural landscape that is used for sheep farming and is bisected by fencing and tracks. Small native-dominated bush remnants and rock formations provide foraging and nesting habitat for terrestrial fauna. Stormwater infiltrating into the ground would move through the karst system and emerge into the lower Mangawhitikau

Stream at Pōtea Spring and Pumphouse Spring, around 3 km to the north-east of the pit. Additional details are contained in the attached consultation summary document.

Graymont has been working for six years on various aspects of this project, and we are proud of what we have been able to achieve through careful consideration of the science and the stakeholder concerns that have been raised. This has seen us include a proposal to enhance the environment as part of the project (the Betterment Plan) and reduce the size of the pit to avoid concerns about potential impacts on the northern Mangawhitikau Stream catchment.

Despite the successes we've had, under the RMA process we still face significant hurdles and it could still be well over 12 months before consents are granted. The FTA process offers much greater certainty, which is the main reason we are now moving to apply for referral. To be clear, we will not be withdrawing the current Resource Management Act 1991 consent applications at this time but will first wait for a substantive application under the FTA to be accepted. We aim to submit our application for referral early in 2026.

The application will seek all Resource Management Act 1991 approvals necessary to undertake these activities.

We have discussed our proposed referral application with the consents team at the Council, in person and by e-mail, who have indicated that you do not require any further information from us at this stage. We would appreciate if you could please provide a formal response to close our consultation for the referral phase.

We will continue to consult with you next year, specifically to further refine the draft conditions of consent for the project.

[Redacted Signature]

Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager, Graymont

[REDACTED]

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 12 December 2025 2:08 pm
To [REDACTED]
C [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Graymont Oparure SW Pit Project | FTAA referral application consultation

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

H [REDACTED]

Apologies for not replying earlier in the week. To confirm, at this stage (pre-referral) no additional information is required from Graymont.

As discussed in the meeting with you, the existing contracts for the RMA process, inclusive of BBO consent processing, have been extended until 30 April 2026. Whilst the review team remains in place, the WRC would welcome the opportunity to work with Graymont and its agent to further refine the draft conditions of consent for the project, ideally reaching a position of agreement. It is our position that this would likely assist the Fast Track panel and application process.

If you need a formal response to close out consultation requirements, the council delegation for this sits with our Consent Manager [REDACTED] (cc'd). Please send through a formal request on the company letterhead, and either [REDACTED] or I will arrange for a letter reply in due course.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | SENIOR CONSENTS OFFICER | Resource Consents - Team 3, Resource Use
WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL | Te Kaunihera ā Rohe o Waikato

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 12 December 2025 12:52 pm
T [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Graymont Oparure SW Pit Project | FTAA referral application consultation

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Kia ora [REDACTED]

Just touching base to see whether there was anything else you needed from Graymont at this point regarding consultation on FTA referral.

Regards

Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager
GRAYMONT

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 9 December 2025 8:38 am

To [REDACTED]
C [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Graymont Oparure SW Pit Project | FTAA referral application consultation

Kia or [REDACTED]

As discussed last week, please find Graymont's formal notice that we will be seeking referral of our "South-West Pit" project to the Fast Track Approvals (FTA) permitting pathway. I have attached a summary of the project which includes the list of approvals we will be seeking. We will not be seeking approval for Wildlife Act permits as the necessary permits have already been issued.

The project is significant in its benefit for New Zealand as it will sustain the ongoing production of lime and limestone calcium-based solutions that Graymont provides. I have attached a summary of some of these benefits ("Oparure Site Development"). This project will address the current risks we face due to increasingly difficult operational challenges at the current pit.

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We aim to submit our application for referral early in 2026. We would appreciate any feedback on our project so we can include this in our referral application.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Ngaa mihi
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager
GRAYMONT

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[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 1 December 2025 9:29 am
To [REDACTED]
Cc [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Graymont Oparure SW Pit Project | FTAA referral application

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

H [REDACTED]

Is the correct map detailed on p.2? I note the 'Terrestrial Ecology' section references the vegetated link "shaded red on the map on page 2". Can you double check, thanks.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] SENIOR CONSENTS OFFICER | Resource Consents - Team 3, Resource Use
WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL | Te Kaunihera ā Rohe o Waikato

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 1 December 2025 8:59 am
To [REDACTED]
C [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Graymont Oparure SW Pit Project | FTAA referral application

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Kia or [REDACTED]

Please find the Graymont Ōparure South Western Pit consultation document attached.

Ngà mihi,



RECORDS OF CONSULTATION WITH WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL

RE: Graymont SW Pit | FTA process referral consultation

From [REDACTED]

Date Tue 9/12/2025 2:19 PM

To [REDACTED]

Cc [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for that feedback. I'll talk to [REDACTED] about that agreement and come back to you.

regards

[REDACTED]
Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager
GRAYMONT

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 9 December 2025 2:10 pm

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Graymont SW Pit | FTA process referral consultation

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Thanks [REDACTED]

The only comment I have is just around the effects on the roading network, which is not covered in the overview. This is something I was progressing with [REDACTED] through a separate agreement. It would be good to pick this up and complete the agreement before lodgement if possible.

Cheers,

[REDACTED] | **General Manager - Strategy & Environment**
Waitomo District Council | Kaunihera ā-rohe
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 9 December 2025 8:35 am
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Graymont SW Pit | FTA process referral consultation

Kia ora [REDACTED]

As discussed on the phone the other week, Graymont has been working for the last six years on a project to develop a new pit to the west of our Oparure quarry (the "South-West Pit"). There is now increasing urgency to progress this for operational reasons as well as to start to implement the associated environmental betterment projects. The project is significant in its benefit for New Zealand as it will sustain the ongoing production of lime and limestone calcium-based solutions that Graymont provides. I have attached a summary of some of these benefits ("Oparure Site Development"). This project will address the current risks we face due to increasingly difficult operational challenges at the current pit.

Graymont has been working for six years on various aspects of this project, and we are proud of what we have been able to achieve through careful consideration of the science and the stakeholder concerns that have been raised. This has seen us include a proposal to enhance the environment as part of the project (the Betterment Plan) and reduce the size of the pit to avoid concerns about potential impacts on the northern Mangawhitikau Stream catchment. However, when we consider the possible outcomes of the current RMA process, it seems quite possible that it could take much more than 12 months before consents could be finalised.

Therefore, Graymont is starting the process to obtain consent via the Fast Track Approvals process. We will not be applying for Wildlife Act permits as the necessary permits have already been issued. I've attached a summary document, but in short it is the same project that we have been pursuing but via a different permitting pathway.

The first step is an application for referral, which we aim to submit early in 2026. We would appreciate any feedback on our project so we can include this in our referral application.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ngaa mihi
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager
GRAYMONT

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CONSULTATION WITH THE MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Ministry for the Environment

By e-mail: [REDACTED]

Tēnā Koutou,

Pre-lodgement consultation for referral application of Graymont's Ōparure Quarry South-Western Pit

Graymont (NZ) Limited is preparing to lodge an application for referral of its proposal to develop and operate the Ōparure Quarry South-Western Pit ('the Project') to the Fast-track Approvals process under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 ('FTAA').

This letter is to fulfil the requirement for consultation with the Ministry for the Environment as an administering agency under s11(1)(e) of the FTAA. Please see a description of the Project and Site below.

Project and Site Description

The Project entails the development, operation and progressive rehabilitation of new pit (the South-Western Pit) at Graymont's Ōparure limestone quarry, located at 806 Ōparure Road, in the Waitomo District ("the **Site**"). The site is legally described as Lot 2 DPS 33442, Lot 1 DPS 77130, Lot 1 DPS 74022 and Lot 2 DPS 77130.

Graymont supplies quality lime and limestone products to the agricultural, animal health, construction, water treatment, environmental and industrial markets of New Zealand and the Asia Pacific regions. Graymont's products are essential for mitigating a multitude of environmental impacts, as well as remaining indispensable for vital industrial processes. The purpose of this project is to ensure consistency of supply of quality product critical to a number of Graymont's customers, including those that require product for drinking water and wastewater treatment, and for pollution mitigation / remediation.

Quarrying at the Ōparure South-Western pit would lead to an opencast quarry with total disturbed area 57.4 ha by 2053. However, this will be subject to progressive rehabilitation.

The Site is currently a pasture-dominated, working rural landscape. Small native-dominated bush remnants and rock formations provide foraging and nesting habitat for terrestrial fauna. Stormwater infiltrating into the ground would move through the karst system and emerge into the lower Mangawhitikau Stream.

For further information relating to the project, please refer to the enclosed summary document and flyer that outlines some of the many benefits associated with the proposed South-Western Pit.

We would appreciate if you could please confirm receipt by way of return email.

[REDACTED]

Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager, Graymont

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Kia ora,

Thank you for your email.

Please find attached our response to your request for consultation with the Ministry for the Environment as the administering agency of the Resource Management Act 1991 in accordance with is required with section 11(1)(e) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

Ngā mihi,

System Operations

Ministry for the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao

Administering Agency under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024

environment.govt.nz

Sent: Tuesday, 16 December 2025 9:55 am

Subject: Graymont SW Pit | Referral consultation

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Tēnā Koutou

Please find attached a letter and supporting documents relating to pre-lodgement consultation on a referral application.

Please advise if you have any questions or comments on the attached.

Ngā mihi

Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager

GRAYMONT

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Ōparure Quarry South-Western Pit - Pre-lodgement consultation under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA)

Thank you for your correspondence in relation to Graymont's intention to lodge a referral application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA) in respect of the Ōparure Quarry South-Western Pit.

As you are aware, the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) is the "relevant administering agency" for approvals relating to the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 (EEZ Act) under the FTAA.

As part of your referral application, you will need to provide an assessment of the project against any relevant national policy statement, national environmental standards and if relevant the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement. The Ministry has prepared the following summary on the national direction made under the RMA, for your consideration.

National Direction

Under the RMA, the government can create national direction to support local authorities' decision making under the RMA and develop a nationally consistent approach to resource management issues. This is typically done where an issue is of national importance, or involves significant national benefits or costs, or where necessary to give effect to other government policy or regulation. There are several types of national direction, including national policy statements and national environmental standards.

National Policy Statements (NPS)

National Policy Statements are instruments issued under section 52(2) of the RMA. An NPS is a vehicle for the government to prescribe objectives and policies for matters which are relevant to sustainable management. All National Policy Statements currently in force are published on the Ministry's website and links are provided in the table below. It is recommended that you consider the relevance of each NPS to your project. If you are seeking an RMA approval, then under section 13(4)(y)(i) and schedule 5 paragraph 2 of the FTAA your application must include an assessment of your project against any relevant NPSs. Refer to the National Policy Statements linked below.

National Policy Statement	Description
National Policy Statement for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Industrial Process Heat 2023	This NPS provides nationally consistent policies and requirements for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from industries using process heat. It works alongside

	the National Environmental Standards for Greenhouse Gases from Industrial Process.
National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land 2022	This NPS provides national direction to improve the way highly productive land is managed under the RMA. The objective is to ensure the availability of New Zealand's most favourable soils for food and fibre production.
National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020	This NPS provides local authorities with updated national direction on how they should manage freshwater under the RMA.
National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023	This NPS provides direction to local authorities to protect, maintain and restore indigenous biodiversity requiring at least no further reduction in indigenous biodiversity nationally.
National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation 2011	This NPS provides guidance for local authorities on how renewable electricity generation should be dealt with in RMA planning documents.
National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission	This NPS sets out the objective and policies for managing the electricity transmission network.
National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020	This NPS recognises the national significance of well-functioning urban environments. It removes barriers to development to allow growth in locations that have good access to existing services, public transport networks and infrastructure.
New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010	The NZCPS provides guidance for local authorities in their day-to-day management of the coastal environment. The NZCPS is the only compulsory NPS under the RMA.

National Environmental Standards (NES)

National Environmental Standards are regulations issued under section 43 of the RMA. They prescribe technical and non-technical standards, methods or other requirements for land use and subdivision, use of the coastal marine area and beds of lakes and rivers, water take and use, discharges and noise. NESs require each local authority to enforce the same standard in respect of these areas unless otherwise specified. All National Policy Statements currently in force are published on the Ministry's website and links are provided in the table below. It is recommended that you consider the relevance of each NES to your project.

If you are seeking an RMA approval under the FTAA, section 13(4)(y)(i) and schedule 5 paragraph 2 require that an assessment of your project against any relevant NES must be included with your application. Refer to the National Environmental Standards linked below.

National Environmental Standard	Description
National Environmental Standards for Air Quality	This NES prohibits discharges from certain activities and set a guaranteed minimum standard for air quality for people living in New Zealand.

National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry	This NES provides nationally consistent regulations to manage the environmental effects of forestry.
National Environmental Standards for Electricity Transmission Activities	This NES sets out which electricity transmission activities are permitted, subject to conditions to control environmental effects. They apply only to existing high voltage electricity transmission lines.
National Environmental Standards for Freshwater	This NES regulates activities that pose risks to the health of freshwater and freshwater ecosystems.
National Environmental Standards for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Industrial Process Heat	This NES sets out nationally consistent rules for certain greenhouse gas emitting activities from industrial process heat.
National Environmental Standards for Marine Aquaculture	This NES replaces regional council rules for existing marine farms and provides a more certain and efficient process for replacing consents, realigning farms and changing farmed species. In some instances, they allow regional council rules to remain in force.
National Environmental Standards for Sources of Human Drinking Water	This NES sets requirements to protect sources of human drinking water from becoming contaminated.
National Environmental Standards for Storing Tyres Outdoors	This NES provides nationally consistent rules for the responsible storage of tyres.
National Environmental Standards for Telecommunication Facilities	This NES sets national rules regarding the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure across New Zealand.
National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health	This NES includes requirements for assessing and managing potentially contaminated soil.

Please ensure your application includes a summary of this consultation with the Ministry, and an explanation of how this consultation has informed your project. This information must be included in your application, regardless of whether it is a referral application or a substantive application for a listed project.

Thank you for consulting with the Ministry for the Environment as the relevant administering agency for the RMA and the EEZ Act.

If you have any queries in relation to the FTAA process, please contact info@fasttrack.govt.nz for further assistance.

Ngā mihi,



- Manager, System Operations



CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

[REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, 28 January 2026 1:23 pm

[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Graymont FTA Referral | SW Pit consultation

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Nice to connect yesterday via Teams. Thank you for your email below – it is clear that you are intending to implement your existing lizard permit obtained under BAU, and based on the conversation yesterday, we are all moving forward on the assumption that no additional wildlife approvals need to be sought at this stage. Thank you for the opportunity to provide preliminary comment on the application. A record of pre-lodgement consultation will be issued in the coming days. We look forward to discussing this project further at the substantive stage.

Ngā mihi

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, 28 January 2026 8:51 am

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Graymont FTA Referral | SW Pit consultation

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your time yesterday to discuss our FTAA referral application. For completeness I have forwarded on my original email to the DOC FTA team. As discussed, Graymont is not seeking further Wildlife Act approvals, but we are happy to continue the discussion post-referral.

I would appreciate some formal response from the Department for inclusion in our referral application.

Thanks



Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 23 January 2026 9:31 am
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Graymont Quarry - Bats vs. Wildlife Act Permit

Hi guys

In preparation for our meeting on Tuesday, please find some comments below from the BRG about our proposal (described in general terms) and whether a Wildlife Permit would be needed for bat impacts – they don't believe it would be as we will follow the tree removal protocols and no bats are expected to be killed.

[REDACTED] will join us if [REDACTED] can ([REDACTED] is in the field).

Regardless, it will be good to catch up and discuss the ongoing engagement with DOC.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager

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Hi [REDACTED]

I agree that a Wildlife Act permit is not needed if you don't expect bats to be killed.

Here's the definition of incidental killing that you can get a Wildlife Act permit for:
"Killing of wildlife is "incidental" if the killing is not directly intended but is unavoidable and foreseeable as a consequence of carrying out the lawful activity (e.g., earthworks). It is the inevitable, inescapable by-product of carrying out the activity. If killing is foreseeable and unavoidable even if reasonable steps would be taken to avoid killing, that residual killing can be authorised (provided the requirements of s 53B are met)."

Given you're not expecting bats to be killed, then it doesn't qualify as incidental killing. Therefore a permit should not be required.

Hope this makes sense?

[REDACTED]
Regional Liaison Biodiversity | Takawaenga Ā-rohe Taiao
Eastern, Central and Lower North Island
Department of Conservation | Te Papa Atawhai
Turangi Office
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 3 December 2025 1:34 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Quick clarification re: Wildlife Act permits for large-scale vegetation clearance

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Hope you're doing well, and that your office has air-con, because I'm melting out here!

I'm getting in touch because I would appreciate some clarification from you / the BRG about when a Wildlife Act permit is actually required for larger vegetation-clearance projects.

I've just finished writing a Bat Management Plan for a site where a reasonably large area of native and exotic vegetation will be cleared. We haven't detected bats within the actual works footprint, but the site is in an area where bats are definitely present in the wider landscape. The BMP follows DOC's Tree Removal Protocols precisely: PRF assessments, acoustic monitoring, timing restrictions, arborist inspections, SBE oversight, and accidental discovery procedures.

The experts involved have now asked whether a Wildlife Act permit is needed even when:

- no bats have been detected in the footprint,
- the works are fully compliant with the Tree Removal Protocols, and
- the purpose of the BMP is specifically to avoid any harm to bats.

My understanding from past experience is that when the Tree Removal Protocols are followed and there is no anticipated harm to bats, a permit is generally not required. I also don't recall permits being issued for vegetation clearance in similar scenarios unless there was confirmed roosting or actual risk of harm.

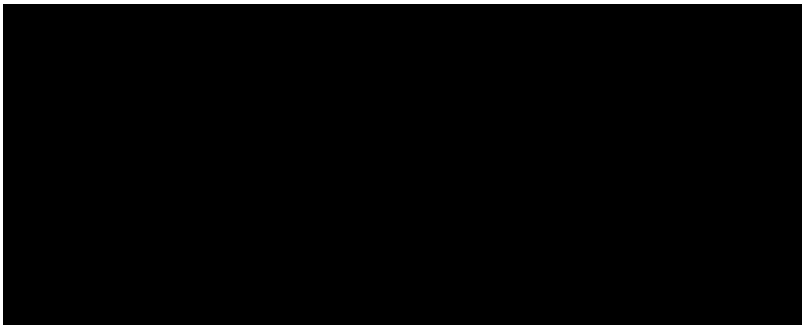
But things feel a bit less clear since the recent Wildlife Act amendment (Mt Messenger Bypass thing), so I just want to make sure I'm giving the right advice and doing things properly for the bats.

So my question is:

In situations like this (no bats detected and strict adherence to the Tree Removal Protocols) does DOC consider a Wildlife Act permit necessary? Or is the usual approach still that a permit isn't required unless there's a real likelihood of actually harming bats?

Any clarification would be really appreciated!

Ngā mihi / Kind regards,



Graymont FTA Referral | SW Pit transition

From [REDACTED]

Date Tue 9/12/2025 8:44 AM

To [REDACTED]

Cc [REDACTED]

 2 attachments (8 MB)

Oparure Site Development Flyer A4_f.pdf; Graymont South Western Pit FTAA Consultation document 2025-12-08 - final.pdf;

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Graymont has been working for the last six years on a project to develop a new pit to the west of our Oparure quarry (the "South-West Pit"). We have discussed this project with you and the Te Kuiti office over the years and subsequently made some changes to how we protect the native bush and carry out pest control. There is now increasing urgency to progress this project for operational reasons as well as to start to implement the associated environmental betterment projects. The project is significant in its benefit for New Zealand as it will sustain the ongoing production of lime and limestone calcium-based solutions that Graymont provides. I have attached a summary of some of these benefits ("Oparure Site Development"). This project will address the current risks we face due to increasingly difficult operational challenges at the current pit.

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Therefore, Graymont is starting the journey to obtain resource consents via the Fast Track Approvals process. We will not be applying for Wildlife Act permits as the necessary lizard permit has already been issued (118705-FAU) and we've received advice from our bat expert that a permit won't be required (we have a draft Bat Management Plan which will manage any vegetation clearance in accordance with Tree Removal Protocols). I've attached a document summarising the South-West Pit project, but in short it is the same project that we have been pursuing with the Waitomo District Council and Waikato Regional Council since 2022.

We aim to submit our application for referral early in 2026. We would appreciate any feedback on our project so we can include this in our referral application. I will also reach out to the Department FTA team.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ngaa mihi

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager

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RE: Graymont FTA Referral | SW Pit consultation

From FastTrackApplicationEnquiries <FastTrackApplicationEnquiries@doc.govt.nz>

Date Thu 11/12/2025 3:40 PM

To [REDACTED] FastTrackApplicationEnquiries
<FastTrackApplicationEnquiries@doc.govt.nz>

Cc [REDACTED]

 1 attachment (150 KB)

Cost Recovery Initial Deposit Letter - Benjamin Murray.pdf;

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for engaging with DOC on your Fast-track Approvals application.

Fast-track (Cost Recovery) Regulations 2025 and DOCs Fast-track Cost Recovery Policy were published on 7 February 2025. Under the fast-track Cost Recovery regime applicants are required to pay a deposit prior to pre-lodgement consultation. The attached letter includes this initial deposit.

We will now process an initial deposit invoice for payment that must be paid before consultation can commence. As soon as payment is received, we will assign a project lead who will be in touch to arrange an initial meeting with you and further discussions.

Please note, we encourage all applicants to allow at least 3-4 weeks for effective pre-lodgement consultation with DOC.

Ngā mihi nui,

[REDACTED]
On behalf of the Fast-track Applications team
Te Papa Atawhai | Department of Conservation

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 9 December 2025 12:51 pm

To: FastTrackApplicationEnquiries <fasttrackapplicationenquiries@doc.govt.nz>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Graymont FTA Referral | SW Pit consultation

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Tēnā koe

I'm writing to advise that Graymont intends to apply for referral to the Fast Track Approvals process early in 2026, for our project to establish a new limestone quarry pit (the "South Western Pit") adjacent to the existing Graymont Oparure quarry (Te Kuiti District, Waikato). This project has been discussed over about six years with the Te Kuiti office and the RMA team (consultation reference RC2776). We separately applied and have been granted a permit under the Wildlife Act. There is now increasing urgency to progress this project for operational reasons as well as to start to implement the associated environmental betterment projects. The project is significant in its benefit for New Zealand as it will sustain the ongoing production of lime and limestone calcium-based solutions that Graymont provides. I have attached a summary of some of these benefits ("Oparure Site Development") and would appreciate your feedback so we can incorporate it into our referral application.

Graymont is a well-established business in New Zealand, supplying essential lime and limestone products for a wide range of critical requirements, including treatment of process discharges from various industries to meet their resource consent obligations. We also supply to infrastructure projects such as the Auckland Central Interceptor project. In the South Island, amongst other uses our products are key for maintaining a safe pH in the Ngakawau River on the West Coast. There are many other industries we supply, and I have attached a flyer outlining some of these essential needs. Graymont is a forward-looking organisation committed to exceptional health, safety and environmental performance over the long term. Notably, we have protected 6 ha of native bush including above Spirit Cave (Mangawhitikau cave system) and previously carried out pest control in the Ruakuri Reserve. We have many years of enhancing our sites where possible with native bush planting, especially at our Te Kuiti site through which part of Te Araroa trail runs (Te Kuiti to Pureora section).

A long-term supply of economic limestone is vital to New Zealand's sustainable economic development, and accordingly Graymont has made significant efforts over the last six years to deliver the South Western Pit project. We are proud of what we have been able to achieve through careful consideration of the science and stakeholder feedback. This has seen us include a proposal to enhance the environment as part of the project (the Betterment Plan) and reduce the size of the pit to avoid concerns about potential impacts on the northern Mangawhitikau Stream catchment. Associated with this specific project, we have committed to protect an ~11.5 ha of native bush, and retire and plant an additional ~12 ha of native bush. Together with other sediment reduction initiatives, this will lead to a net improvement in water quality in the Mangawhitikau Stream catchment.

The project requires several resource consents from the Waikato Regional and Waitomo District Councils. We are not applying for any conservation approvals as we have already received a Wildlife Permit for lizard re-housing (118705-FAU) and we have been advised that a permit won't be required in relation to bats (we will be implementing a Bat Management Plan which manages risk to bats via the implementation of Tree Removal Protocols). The details of the project are summarised in the attached document ("Graymont South Western Pit FTAA..").

Despite the successes we've had, under the RMA process we still face significant hurdles and it could still be well over 12 months before consents are granted. The FTA process offers much greater certainty, which is the main reason we are now moving to apply for referral. We would appreciate any feedback from the Department of Conservation on our project.

I look forward to hearing from you and will be ready to answer any further questions if required.

Ngā mihi

[Redacted signature]

Attachments include:

DOC forms

Pre-lodgement-fast-track-application-consultation-application-form

Fast-track-applicants-new-customer-form

Graymont supplementary documents for the application form

Graymont South Western Pit FTAA Consultation document

Oparure Site Development Flyer

[Redacted name]
Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager

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[Redacted address block]

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Request for Fast-track Pre-lodgement Consultation

Purpose – To request pre-lodgement consultation on fast-track referral or substantive applications as required by the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

Instructions:

Please Email the completed form to fasttrackapplicationenquiries@doc.govt.nz

NOTE: DOC will recover the actual and reasonable costs incurred in consulting and assisting you before the application is lodged (whether or not the application is subsequently lodged).

Project Details

Your name: [REDACTED]	Your role & company: CA & HSE Manager; Graymont <i>(If you are a consultant acting on behalf of the applicant, please include your role and company name)</i>
Phone number: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]
*Fast-track applicant's name (Company Name and Trading Name (if different)):	
*Project name and summary: South Western Pit. Development of a new limestone pit adjacent to the existing Graymont Oparure site. (see attached summary)	
*Project site location and the location of proposed activities within the site (where appropriate): 806 Oparure Road, Te Kuiti. (see attached summary)	
GPS location and/or map: (see attached)	
Is the project on Public Conservation Land? No	
*Type of Fast-track Application (referral or substantive). <i>If the substantive application is for a project listed in Schedule 2, please specify. This is for the referral application.</i>	
Applicant Phone number: 021 714 926	Applicant email: [REDACTED]
Details of the proposed activity: (see attached summary)	

<i>Please provide supporting information to help understand the proposal, including identification of any duplications of permissions either active or applied for, clear identification of the locations of the proposed activities which relate to the approval(s) sought and any draft application documents, reports and plans.</i>	
Details of any relevant Treaty of Waitangi settlement obligations you are aware of and any engagement you have undertaken with local iwi/hapū: We have carried extensive consultation over 6 years with Te Nehenehenui (TNN, representing Maniapoto iwi) and Ngati Kinohaku (mana whenua associated with Oparure Marae). Our substantive application will include a Cultural Impact Assessment by Oparure Marae and Te Tokanganui-a-noho Whare (a TNN entity).	
What conservation approvals do you think may be required for the activity?	
• Concessions under the Conservation Act 1987, Reserves Act 1977, Wildlife Act 1953, and National Parks Act 1980	
• Authorities provided under the Wildlife Act 1953 (including the identification of the proposed activity eg relocation, salvage, capture etc and the species affected) We already have Wildlife Permit 118705-FAU.	
• Specific permissions under the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983	
• Access arrangements under the Crown Minerals Act 1991	
• Exchanges of land under the Conservation Act 1987 or Reserves Act 1977	
• Amending or revoking conservation covenants under section 27 of the Conservation Act 1987 or section 77 of the Reserves Act 1977	
• Other (please specify)	
What current interests over the land are you aware of?	
Is there any other additional information that may be relevant? (e.g. is the activity in a World Heritage Area?)	
Date initially planning to lodge (subject to pre-lodgement consultation discussions): January/February 2026	

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OPARURE MARAE**

WITH

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, 26 June 2026 10:12 pm

To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Link to reports

Kia ora koutou

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 18 June 2026 11:15 am
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Hui summary

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for the time last week to discuss the ongoing relationship between Graymont and the Oparure marae, and in particular the Graymont SW Pit project to extend the existing quarry to the west. I've included some draft notes below (please add/edit as necessary). When I was reflecting on the discussion, a key element was the reference back to the CIA, and the role of the Cultural Monitoring Plan to implement this.

I've summarised some key items up front, then laid out the actions as I understood them.

Key themes:

- Vehicle speed through the Oparure village is a real concern to the community. Trucks and Graymont vehicles were reported to be travelling too fast. The community continue to work to reduce the speed limit and ensure this is signposted etc but it is taking longer than expected as this works through the council process. Graymont will continue to work with the community and our carriers/employees to emphasise our expectation that they drive safely and to the speed limit.
- The Cultural Monitoring Plan is intended to be an overarching document that captures key elements of the CIA, and includes an inventory of wetlands/repo, wai, flora and fauna within the rohe and is intended to build sustainable and healthy relationships between the hapu, the environment and Graymont.
- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have the mandate to progress this mahi, engaging with Graymont and developing the CMP.
- Graymont's Fasttrack permit process is ongoing and we expect to lodge this at the end of the month. The project itself has not changed from what was discussed at the end of last year, and in particular we remain committed to implementing the betterment plan and working together to implement the CIA.

Actions summary:

- [REDACTED] to follow up with Graymont staff and carriers about speed through the village.

- Review possibility of support for a Poutiaki (including native timber on the Graymont site) [REDACTED]
- Follow up with council about options for a radar speed sign [REDACTED]
- Investigate details around collaboration for mokomoko translocation, with an initial step being an e-introduction [REDACTED]
- Update the marae committee on this meeting/CMP signoff [REDACTED]
- Share the draft Cultural Monitoring Plan [REDACTED]
- Continue to keep [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] up to date on the Graymont permit process (Fasttrack) including sharing the reports as possible [REDACTED]

I've already made a start on some of those actions and will reach out separately to set up an e-meeting with the lizard expert.

Ngaa mihi

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, 13 April 2026 10:51 am

To: [REDACTED]

Cribb [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Hui summary

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Ka pai [REDACTED]

Arohanui

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 13 April 2026 6:57 am
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Hui summary

Morena everyone

Thanks for the email. Unfortunately, since I wrote I'm no longer available on the 13th of May as I've been asked to attend a team meeting in Sydney.

Would you be available to meet during the week of the 25th of May instead?

Ngaa mihi
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2026 9:31 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Hui summary

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Mauri Ora Koutou,

Te Puku mahi kē o ngā kaupapa maha I te Whārua! Aue hā, Aue hā - Sorry for the delayed response we have been busy in our little valley this past month.

Thank you for the summary [REDACTED]

May 13th looks clear in my Calander however I will wait for [REDACTED] to see what their availability is.

I have attached the link for Aqua watch below

<https://www.aquawatchsolutions.com/>

We are working on a Cultural Monitoring plan there a few things that we need to refine but will have this too you as early as possible

Thank you for your mahi [REDACTED]

Naaku it nei

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 March 2026 10:44 am
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Hui summary

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you [REDACTED] for meeting with us the other Wednesday, particularly given the passing of [REDACTED] and the need for all three of you to prepare etc for the tangi. Thank you also for the opportunity for myself and [REDACTED] to come and pay our respects later that day.

Apologies for the delay in coming back to you – it has been a busy few weeks. However, I thought it might be helpful just to briefly summarise where we got to at our meeting, here are the key points of what we understood would inform the potential next steps:

- There was a general discussion around Mokomoko and their translocation to an alternative site, the opportunity for us to both share knowledge and matauranga involving tamariki through a wananga. I have had an initial discussion with our technical expert and she was quite enthusiastic about this. She is going to talk to other colleagues and come back with other suggestions, including whether she would be available to travel north to participate. The discussion also covered native timber on site and potential use by Oparure if it was suitable for this purpose.
 - o I've attached the approved Lizard Management Plan again. There are lots of activities in there where different people could be involved, including setting up the new habitat, clearing out pests, finding and relocating mokomoko, carrying out monitoring after that.
 - o Work would only start after we receive consent for the SW Pit. We hope it will be the summer of 26-27 but this is in the hands of the regulators. I'll keep you updated.
- Ongoing hui we plan to hold every three months and or as required to progress work we both agree. As a starting point, would the 13th of May at 10 am, O café work for the next hui? Let me know if this works and we understand if things have to shift given your competing priorities.
- Water/wai Maori kaupapa; I thought there was a lot of us to work on here in terms of water quality in the Mangapu, flow monitoring and measurement. This sits well in terms of kaupapa set out in the CIA and creates some opportunities for us to collaborate on from providing elementary equipment etc to supporting your cultural health framework development for Ngati Kinohaku.
 - o I will look into the automatic monitoring equipment you suggested – Aquawatch? Do you have a contact?
 - o We are also progressing the continuous, permanent monitoring stations.
- Relationship; [REDACTED] emphasised the importance of our relationship and for us to be at the table, talking, engaging, understanding each other in the context of our application and Ngati Kinohaku's opposition to the project. Every time we meet, we get better insights about the drivers to the hapu concerns about the proposed project. We find this very helpful as we seek to find a way forward whilst maintaining the mutual respect we have for each other.
 - o We recognise the importance of the CIA and as mentioned, the councils/panel will want to know how we intend to implement this as part of the south-western pit project. As a placeholder, we intend to suggest a condition providing for the marae to develop (with our support if needed) a Cultural Monitoring Plan

- I am hopeful, through our relationship we can achieve a mutually beneficial outcome that is not superficial but enduring for Oparure tamariki/mokopuna and Graymont. I think one of these things is support for the speed limit change at Oparure, which I spoke to WDC about yesterday. It was great to see the representatives from the kura!

Welcome your feedback on this summary, we are keen to move this korero along in partnership with you.

Please pass this onto [REDACTED] – I'm not sure what email to use as I think I only have their work email addresses.

Ngaa mihi

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager

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[REDACTED]

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From

Sent: Thursday, 29 January 2026 10:02 pm

To

C

Subject: RE: Graymont project - update | FTA referral consultation

Kia ora [REDACTED]

I wanted to touch base again about a possible hui to discuss the points raised earlier (mokomoko relocation, the road speed limit, and progressing the MOU 2.0/CIA implementation). The year has started off busy! - I was sorry that we couldn't meet last Friday, and unfortunately this week didn't suit me either as I had some other commitments.

Would it work to meet on Tuesday or Wednesday next week? Bot [REDACTED] and I are available. If we need to look at a weekend, I'll need to chat to [REDACTED] first.

Also, in case you haven't seen it, the WDC sent me the attached consultation document regarding the speed limit through the village. Obviously, the discussions have led to some action at the council. Graymont will be submitting on this proposal.

Ngaa mihi

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager
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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 4 January 2026 8:42 am
To [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
C [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Graymont project - update | FTA referral consultation

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]
Aue Kia ora e hika ma

My phone was in "holiday" mode. Engari nga mihi mo te tau hou pakeha.

I'm available, look forward to the korero/mahi. Heoi ano have a safe break !

Ngaa mihi rawatu

[REDACTED]

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 2, 2026 11:00:36 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Graymont project - update | FTA referral consultation

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Sounds great - see you on the 23rd. We'll plan to meet at the marae?

Good luck at waka ama!

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From [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, December 31, 2025 9:41 AM

To [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Graymont project - update | FTA referral consultation

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Kia ora Koutou,

Ngā mihi o te wā o Hine raumati

Could we meet the week after pleas [REDACTED] as we are all at Waka ama nationals that entire week 😊

January 23rd 10.00am?

Also, Regarding the speed limit that would be great weve had an accidents out side my home yesterday and last week there was another past the Marae.

Arohanui

[REDACTED]
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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 18 December 2025 9:56 am
To [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Graymont project - update | FTA referral consultation

Kia or [REDACTED],

We'd be happy to meet to discuss the mokomoko translocation. Any work wouldn't happen towards the end of next year, but it would make sense to do some planning to get as much involvement as possible.

I'll as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] can come over, too. Would it suit during the week of the 12th of January? Perhaps the 14th?

Another topic that I've been working on is the road speed limit. I've had a few discussions with the council and we've drafted the attached but would like to discuss this because we know it is important to the marae. I've made a few comments in the attached where potentially this could be drafted as a joint letter, but please don't take this as an assumption.

Let me know about the preferred date and time, and we'll see you in the new year. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Arohanui
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 9 December 2025 4:49 pm
To [REDACTED]
Cc [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Graymont project - update | FTA referral consultation

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Kia or [REDACTED]

We appreciate the update and your continued engagement regarding the fast track application.

Would we be able to arrange a catch-up early next year to kōrero further about the translocation of mokomoko (lizards)?

Arohanui

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 9 December 2025 2:05 pm
To: [REDACTED]
C [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Graymont project - update | FTA referral consultation

Kia ora koutou

Thank you again for the email on the 24th of November about the feedback on Graymont's project. I acknowledge those points but in relation to the Fast Track Approval permit process I also wanted to provide you with the same details that I've sent to other stakeholders on this project. I have therefore attached a copy of the summary of the South-West Pit project, and the flyer we've sent previously. I will be sending the same documents to Te Nehenehenui.

I also wasn't sure which email was best for me to use so I've also included the one that [REDACTED] had asked us to use previously for any formal communication.

We aim to make our application for referral to the FTA process early in 2026. I will incorporate the marae feedback below into that application, but if you have any further points to add please feel free to do so.

And, if you have some time for korero on the CIA and MOU 2.0 please let [REDACTED] and me know.

Ngā mihi
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager
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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 27 November 2025 4:11 pm
T [REDACTED]
C [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Graymont project - update

Kia or [REDACTED]

Lovely to hear from you and apologies for the delay – I wanted to check in with [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] availability.

I appreciate your clear messages about our project and also the commitment to open and respectful dialogue, which also reflects our values and way of working. It is also great to hear that the marae would like to continue discussions about refining the MOU. Are you open to starting by investigating the process to refine/revise/enhance the MOU?

Face to face is ideal but given the distance [REDACTED] has to travel, could an online meeting be the first step? We could talk about the scope, who is involved, the role of the CIA, timing and give some thought to eventual ratification.

If this makes sense, can I suggest we look for:

- any time after midday on the 5th of December,
- **except** the weekend of the 13th and 1-3 pm on the 7th.

Would it work best to meet during the day or evening/weekends?

Ngā mihi
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager
GRAYMONT

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 24 November 2025 9:52 am
To [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Graymont project - update

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Kia or [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email and for providing an update on the progress of the proposed quarry development.

We have recently completed our Marae AGM, which has contributed to the delay in responding. I can confirm that the Marae maintains its position of opposition to the consent application at this time. However, we are open to continuing engagement with Graymont to work through the outstanding matters.

For clarity, the CIA will remain as it is. The Marae is comfortable with the content and recommendations currently outlined.

The MOU, however, requires further work and time, and we are not yet in a position to finalise this. We would like to continue discussions to ensure it accurately reflects our expectations, values, and long-term aspirations for the whenua, wai and the future of our mokopuna.

We appreciate the update and understand the operational pressures and timeframes Graymont is working under. Despite our differing positions, we remain committed to maintaining an open and respectful dialogue as this process moves forward.

Please feel free to get in touch to arrange further kōrero.

Ngā mihi nui,

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 21 November 2025 10:01 am
T [REDACTED]
Subject: Graymont project - update

Kia ora [REDACTED]

I hope you are doing well. I'm writing to update you with the latest news about the quarry development project.

We have been considering the best way to advance our consent application to develop the new pit to the west of the Oparure quarry. As a reminder, this has now been underway for about 5 years, with consent applications formally being lodged at the end of 2022. The situation is now becoming urgent, as the associated environmental betterment initiatives are still on hold, and the quarry operations team need to plan for the next area of the quarry development.

We appreciate the time you spent with us in August, and your subsequent discussions with [REDACTED]. We haven't had any direct feedback, but it appears that the marae committee is not in a position to continue to engage with us. Our long-standing belief is that the best way to resolve the concerns expressed is via a joint discussion to implement the CIA, and we would like to reinforce our commitment to collaborating directly with the marae.

Given the time that has passed without those concerns being resolved, the next step for consent processing is for a regulator-convened external panel to assess our proposal and decide whether the project should progress, whilst considering the opposing submission from the marae. After reviewing the options open to us, and the increasing urgency to commence work, we have decided to commence preparation of an application under the "Fast-track" approvals (FTA) process. We will be formally seeking your feedback on this shortly, but in brief our proposal won't change from what we've been discussing, but follows an accelerated pathway.

As noted, our preferred option is to resolve concerns through direct collaboration with the marae without needing to involve an external party, and we'd welcome the opportunity to do so. However, we do need to move this project forward so will therefore develop an FTA application in the meantime.

Please let me know if you have any questions or interest in further discussions to resolve concerns.

Ngā mihi



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CONSULTATION WITH TE NEHENEHENUI

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, 26 June 2026 10:12 pm

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Link to reports

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Ngaa mihi nui



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 28 January 2026 2:04 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Graymont South Western Pit | Fast-track referral consultation

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Our target for the referral application is mid-February (hopefully 16th Feb). I haven't specifically pinpointed a date to Ōparure marae, but I have mentioned that we were aiming "to make our application for referral to the FTA process early in 2026." I did have a hui planned with [REDACTED] last Friday, but unfortunately other whanau weren't available to meet so that was postponed. We will keep the marae informed, and we continue to reiterate our desire to discuss this project and how to implement the CIA.

The referral application is just the first step in this process. Assuming we are successful in getting the project referred, we will then work towards submitting a substantive application, hopefully mid-year (sooner if possible). We will continue to engage with stakeholders as we pull together the substantive application.

I'd be very happy to discuss this and will certainly keep you informed about timelines.

Ngaa mihi
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager
GRAYMONT

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 28 January 2026 1:26 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Graymont South Western Pit | Fast-track referral consultation

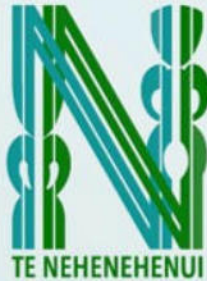
[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Hope everything's all good.

When are you lodging fast track application and have you advised Oparure Marae of this?

Ngā mihi,



[REDACTED]
Settlement Protection, Rights & Interests
Manager
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 12:56:13 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Graymont South Western Pit | Fast-track referral consultation

Hi [REDACTED]

Would it be possible to provide feedback before Waitangi Day?

thanks

[REDACTED]
Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager
GRAYMONT

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 27 January 2026 1:25 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Graymont South Western Pit | Fast-track referral consultation

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for the reminder.

If the proposal has not changed from the original consents you submitted to WDC and WRC then we don't need any more information?

Can you give us a deadline please?

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 27 January 2026 9:48 am
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Graymont South Western Pit | Fast-track referral consultation

Kia ora [REDACTED]

I hope you had a great Christmas break and found some sunny weather amongst the storms and rain.

Just touching base on this project again. Do you require any additional information for your comments on our application for referral? We are aiming to submit our referral application next month and would like to incorporate any comments as we finalise the in the next couple of weeks.

Ngaa mihi

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager

GRAYMONT

[REDACTED]

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RE: Graymont South Western Pit | Fast-track referral consultation

From [REDACTED]

Date Mon 15/12/2025 9:02 AM

To [REDACTED]

Cc [REDACTED]

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your email. I can confirm that our referral application will be for the same project that was notified to TNN and Oparure marae earlier in the year.

If TNN can provide some feedback by mid-January (e.g. the 15th), that would be much appreciated. If there is the ability to provide it earlier, that would be even better as it will give us more time to work through the large amount of information we're assembling.

Ngā mihi
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager
GRAYMONT

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, 14 December 2025 11:31 am

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Graymont South Western Pit | Fast-track referral consultation

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you so much for letting us know.

Working on the basis that the applications remain the same as those submitted to WDC and WRC this year, TNN can provide you with comments to include with your application.

Can you give us a deadline please?

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 9 December 2025 10:42 pm

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Graymont South Western Pit | Fast-track referral consultation

Kia ora [REDACTED]

I hope you are doing well. I'm writing to update you with the latest news about the quarry development project at Oparure.

Over the last couple of months, we have been considering the best way to advance our consent application to develop the new pit to the west of the Oparure quarry (the "South Western Pit"). As a reminder, this has now been underway for about six years, with consent applications formally being lodged at the end of 2022. The situation is now becoming urgent, as the associated environmental betterment initiatives are still on hold, and the quarry operations team need to plan for the next area of the quarry development. We have decided to apply for referral to the Fast-track approvals permitting pathway, and we'd appreciate your feedback as we develop this application.

The application will be for the same project that we discussed earlier in the year after our consent applications were notified to TNN and Oparure Marae. The details will not be new to you, however for completeness I have provided a high-level summary of this project in the attached document, and we can provide more detail if required. I have also attached a flyer which summarises some of the benefits of the project. We have provided the same information to Oparure Marae representatives.

We have appreciated the feedback Maniapoto has provided on this project so far, including the TNN submission on the notified resource consents earlier in the year, and the subsequent discussion. We will also continue engagement with the Oparure Marae as they are available to do so. As you know, we participated in some mediation with representatives from the Oparure Marae in August. Our long-standing belief is that the best way to resolve the concerns expressed from the marae is via a joint discussion to implement the CIA, and we have reiterated to their representatives our commitment to collaborating directly with the marae. We feel that the project so far has benefited from discussion, for example, including a proposal to enhance the environment as part of the project (the Betterment Plan) and reduce the size of the pit to avoid concerns about potential impacts on the northern Mangawhikau Stream catchment.

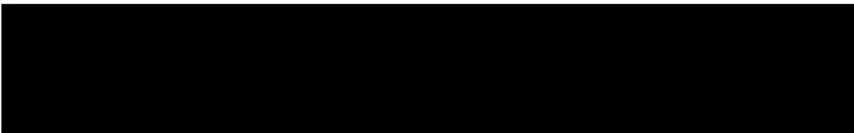
However, when we consider the potential timeframes for consent under the current process, it seems likely that these will be more than 12 months away. After reviewing the options open to us, and the increasing urgency to commence work, we have commenced preparation of an application under the Fast-track approvals process. We aim to submit our application for referral early in 2026. We would appreciate any feedback on our project so we can include this in our referral application.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to set up a call to discuss this further.

Ngaa mihi



Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager
GRAYMONT



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CONSULTATION WITH PAKEHO A 18 TRUST

From

Sent: Monday, December 15, 2025 4:39 PM

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Subject: Ōparure quarry project | Graymont Fast-track referral consultation

Tēnā ko

I hope you are doing well. I'm writing to update you as chairperson of the Pakeho A18 trust with the latest news about the Graymont quarry development project. You might recall that we've engaged with you and trustees directly (as a neighbour) and also via the Ōparure Marae (as māngai for Ngāti Kinohaku) with regard to this project.

We have been considering the best way to advance our consent application to develop the new pit to the west of the Ōparure quarry. As a reminder, this has now been underway for about 5 years, with consent applications formally being lodged at the end of 2022. The situation is now becoming urgent, as the associated environmental betterment initiatives are still on hold, and the quarry operations team need to plan for the next area of the quarry development.

We've had a lot of engagement with Maniapoto on this project over the years and we've appreciated the input received, in particular the thorough and comprehensive cultural impact assessment (CIA) that was reissued by Ōparure Marae on behalf of Ngāti Kinohaku. We will continue engagement with the marae as they are available to do so, seeking to address concerns via a joint discussion to implement the CIA.

However, when we consider the potential timeframes for consent under the current process, it seems likely that final decisions will be more than 12 months away. After reviewing the options open to us, and the increasing urgency to commence work, we have commenced preparation of an application for referral under the "Fast-track" approvals (FTA) process. This application is for the same project that we have discussed before, and I have attached a high-level summary as well as a flyer that summarises some of the benefits of the project. We have provided the same information to other neighbours, Ōparure Marae and TNN.

It has been explained to us that Ōparure Marae are kaitiaki of the area, and as such we will continue to engage with them on cultural aspects to this project and māngai for Ngāti Kinohaku. However, we also welcome any feedback from the trust that we can include in our referral application. We plan to submit this application early in 2026.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to set up a call to discuss this further.

Ngā mihi

Corporate Affairs & HSE Manager
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**CONSULTATION
NEIGHBOURS**

WITH

14 May 2026

To: Graymont (NZ) Limited

Re: Written Approval – Oparure Quarry South-Western Pit

I am the owner of the following property: 873 Oparure Road, R D 5, Te Kuiti 3985

I provide this written approval for the following activity that is the subject of a resource consent application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024:

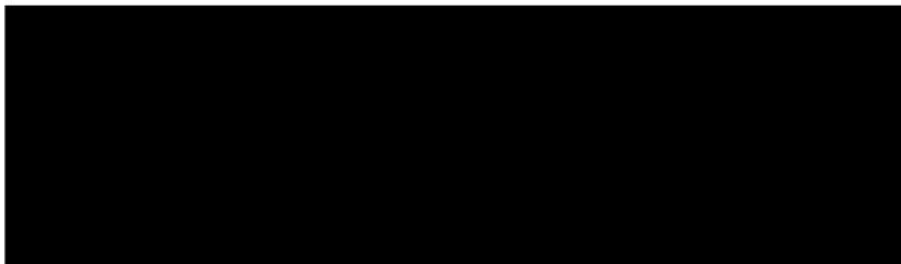
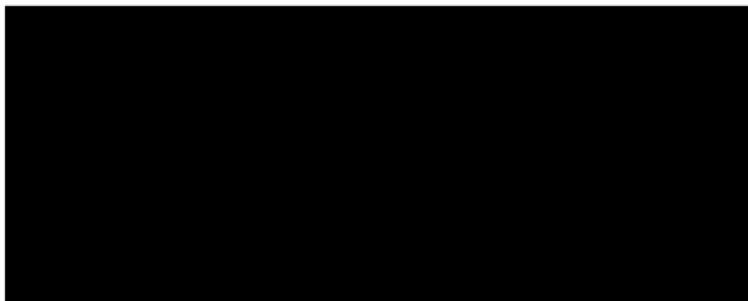
Project name	Oparure Quarry South-Western Pit
Project description	Development, operation and progressive rehabilitation of a new limestone pit at Graymont's existing Oparure Quarry, including a 1.3 km haul road, mobile crushing plant, sediment detention ponds and associated infrastructure.
Project address	806 Oparure Road, Te Kuiti, Waitomo District, Waikato Region
Applicant	Graymont (NZ) Limited

I have read the referral application prepared by Enspire Consulting Limited, dated 4 March 2026, and the background documents referred to at **Appendix A**.

In signing this written approval, I understand that the consent authority must decide that I am no longer an affected person, and the consent authority must not have regard to any adverse effects on me.

I understand that I may withdraw my written approval by giving written notice to the consent authority before the hearing, if there is one, or, if there is not, before the application is determined.

I give my consent for this written approval to be submitted as part of a substantive application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.



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Neighbours were hand-delivered letters by Graymont staff starting on the 11th of December 2025. At this time comments were also collected from neighbours and recorded. Neighbours who were known to Graymont at the time of delivery were delivered letters headed with their name and address (letter 1). New neighbours whose identity was not known to Graymont were provided with the 'new neighbours' letter (letter 2). The table below indicates which neighbours were provided with which letter was provided to which neighbours. Each neighbour was also provided with a copy of the Consultation Document (page 1).

Document	Name	Phone Number	Address
Neighbours Letter (Letter 1)			
New Neighbours Letter (Letter 2)			

Neighbours Letter (Letter 1)

address

Dear neighbour

Graymont Oparure Development Fast Track Application

Graymont has been working for more than five years on a project to develop a new limestone quarry pit (the SW Pit) adjacent to the existing Oparure quarry. This project has included extensive environmental studies as well as making changes to the proposal to reflect feedback from different parties. We have also made commitments to carry out substantial environmental enhancement projects on land around the quarry. We collated this information and in late 2022 submitted resource consent applications to the Waikato Regional and Waitomo District Councils.

However, it now appears quite likely that those consents won't be finalised for more than 12 months. Therefore, we have now commenced the process to obtain consent under the Fast Track Approvals (FTA) process, because of a growing need to make decisions about the direction of the quarry development as well as implement the associated environmental enhancement projects (which are on hold).

Graymont will be seeking referral of the project to the Fast Track Approvals process (FTA). This is expected to allow for the implementation of associated environmental enhancement initiatives and development of the new pit in a timely manner, allowing for the efficient operation of the quarry for the benefit of the region and country.

What is changing?

Our FTA application will be for the same project that we've discussed with you in the past. Further details are in the enclosed document, and supporting technical assessments are also available on request. In summary, the project will include:

- Ongoing supply of limestone for multiple generations, essential for New Zealand's sustainable economic development.
- Use of the existing infrastructure and roads including the use of the existing Oparure Road entrance, with traffic volumes no greater than previous.
- Development to occur in the same catchment area as the existing quarry.

What are the timeframes for FTA?

The most efficient way for us to obtain consent for the SW Pit is via FTA, and all going well we hope consent will be issued later in 2026. Steps are set out in the legislation which include three main phases:

1. A referral application. We are preparing this now and intend to submit it early next year. We will incorporate any feedback from you into this application.
2. A substantive application. Assuming the project is referred, we will aim to apply early in 2026.

3. A Panel process. Following acceptance of our substantive application, a Panel will be appointed who will determine the outcome of the process. They will have the role of seeking comments from other parties, asking questions, commissioning reports and ultimately determining the outcome.

Our request

Graymont is committed to working with our local communities, and we have collated a lot of your feedback already which has guided our project design. However we welcome any further comments on this project. Immediate questions should be directed to me (details below).

If you would like to send through some comments, please feel free to do so. We will touch base with you in January to finalise any feedback.

Regards



Quarry Manager, Graymont Oparure



About Graymont Oparure

Graymont owns and operates New Zealand's largest limestone quarry located in Oparure. Operating for more than 40 years, the site manufactures high-quality limestone products that have supplied New Zealand essential calcium-based solutions and supported the local economy through job creation and direct community support.

Our limestone products are used to:

- Produce clean drinking water
- Enhance road building material to reduce construction and maintenance costs
- Treat pollutants and waste from other industries
- Provide vital calcium for food generation such as poultry and dairy
- Produce essential goods such as paper and steel products

This project has been in development for five years and is underpinned by extensive environmental assessments and engagement with stakeholders and local community. The project is designed to include world-class environmental management and enhancement through a net reduction in sediment discharges, protection and planting of native trees, and wildlife management plan.

New Neighbours Letter (Letter 2)

1026 Oparure Road
RD5
Te Kuiti 3985

Dear Neighbour

Graymont Oparure

Graymont owns and operates New Zealand's largest limestone quarry located in Oparure. The quarry has been part of the community since 1980 when operations commenced. Graymont has continued the operation since 2015 to ensure the reliable, local supply of our vital products into environmental, construction, agriculture, mining and other sectors.

Uses of our products include:

- Infrastructure and construction, to strengthen earthworks and materials.
- Industrial and manufacturing processes
- Water treatment and purification, both in drinking water supply treatment and in treating water discharge from industrial processes (such as dairy).
- Minerals extraction, refinement and the treatment of associated byproducts

At Graymont, we're committed to working with our local community. We provide support to various community initiatives and at a site level, we have a practice of visiting our close neighbours at the end of year to touch base. However, if you have concerns about anything quarry-related during the year, please don't hesitate to contact me. I've provided my details at the end of this letter.

Quarry development

Graymont also takes a long-term view in its business, and this is no different at Oparure. Investigations to develop a new limestone pit to secure the long-term local supply of calcium-based products in New Zealand commenced soon after 2015, and in 2019 we purchased land to the west of the existing quarry. The project will utilise our existing plant and investments on the site and continue the employment of our significant workforce.

Following extensive environmental assessments, consultation and refinement of the proposal we submitted resource consent applications to the Waitomo District and Waikato Regional Councils late in 2022. The project is designed to include world-class environmental management and enhancement through a net reduction in sediment discharges, protection and planting of native trees, and wildlife management plan.

However, due to lengthy delays in this process, Graymont will shortly be seeking referral of the project to the Fast Track Approvals process. We anticipate this will allow for the timely implementation of associated environmental enhancement initiatives and development of the new pit, allowing for the efficient operation of the quarry for the benefit of the region and country.

Project summary

The accompanying document provides a high-level summary of the environmental assessments carried out over the preceding five years and includes the outcome of discussions with various stakeholders. Technical reports developed for the purpose of resource consent applications under the Resource Management Act are available for review, which are in the process of being refreshed for the purposes of a substantive application under the Fast Track Approvals Act.

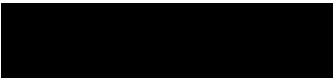
Engagement

We expect you could have some questions about this project and we extend the offer to meet with you to discuss this and address any concerns. Regardless, we would appreciate your feedback on this project. Please contact me if you have any immediate questions or require further information.

Regards



Quarry Manager, Graymont Oparure





CONSULTATION WITH WAIKATO RIVER AUTHORITY

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 30 June 2026 4:07 pm

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Graymont - Oparure Quarry SW Pit Fast-track Application Technical Reports

Thank you [REDACTED]

Much appreciated.

Ngā mihi

[REDACTED]

[Kaihautū – Chief Executive, Waikato River Authority](#)

[REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2026 2:32 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Graymont - Oparure Quarry SW Pit Fast-track Application Technical Reports

Kia ora [REDACTED]

As discussed with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] this morning, please find copies of our Technical Reports here: [Oparure Quarry SW Pit Fast-track Technical documents for WRA 30 June 2026](#)

Please let me know if you would like me to give access to any other e-mail addresses, or have any queries.

Ngā mihi,

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[REDACTED]

Director and Planner

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