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POUHERE TAONGA

Comments on draft conditions for project under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024

Hunua Quarry Development, FTAA-2603-1185

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Introduction

1. The Panel has decided to grant all approvals for Hunua Quarry Development (project) to Winstone Aggregates (Applicant) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTA Act), including an archaeological authority and the person nominated to carry out activity under that authority.

2. In accordance with section 70(1)(b) of the FTA Act, HNZPT has been invited to comment on the draft conditions of consent. Minute 10 directs those comments to be provided by 29 September 2026.

Comment on draft conditions

Panel Decision

3. HNZPT has reviewed the Panel's Draft Decision Report, dated 22 September 2026, including Appendix F [draft] Archaeological Authority which sets out its draft conditions.

4. At [601] of the decision the Panel records that it has imposed the conditions that have been agreed by HNZPT and the Applicant, with one exception being condition 4(a). The Panel states that this condition "did not make sense" and in order to amend this, the Panel has proposed redrafting as follows:

> *Archaeological work must be undertaken in conformity with any tikanga Māori protocols agreed between the Authority Holder and Ngāti Tamaoho, Ngāti te Ata, Te Ākitai Waiohua and Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki (relevant iwi).*
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> *In addition:*
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> *a. The Authority must be exercised subject to any health and safety requirements.*
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> *.....*

5. We note that the Panel has also asked the Applicant to confirm this captures the intent of the condition and also confirm the reference in condition 4(c)[1]. Although HNZPT has not been

[1] For completeness, HNZPT has checked the cross-referencing in 4(c) and confirms it is correct.

asked to specifically comment as to this condition, we provide the following comment pursuant to section 70 of the FTA Act.

HNZPT response

6. The intent of condition 4 is to ensure that the Authority is exercised in accordance with tikanga agreed between the relevant iwi parties and the Applicant. The condition then identifies three specific scenarios where tikanga must be respected – in relation to access to sites, encountering possible taonga or Māori artefacts, and the provision of information and reports prepared regarding any site modification. These are included in specific detail based on HNZPT's experience working with iwi to ensure that appropriate tikanga are observed in critical and important times. In our experience, where these scenarios have not been specified then conformity with tikanga has not always been respected.

7. Condition 4(a) as recommended by HNZPT provides the ability of access to iwi parties in relation to any archaeological sites in order to exercise that tikanga right. This, however, is not an unfettered right of access, and the condition therefore notes that any access is subject to health and safety requirements – for example access would not likely be permitted whilst heavy machinery is operating.

8. The amended condition proposed by the Panel, does not capture the provision of access to iwi, rather it concentrates on the health and safety aspect only.

9. As such, HNZPT respectfully disagrees with the Panel's amended condition 4(a). In order to address the concern of the Panel with the condition, we have considered how to word this in a clearer way, whilst continuing to achieve the intent of the condition, and propose the following:

4. Tikanga

Archaeological work must be undertaken in conformity with any tikanga Māori protocols agreed between the Authority Holder and Ngāti Tamaoho, Ngāti te Ata, Te Ākitai Waiohua and Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki (relevant iwi).

In addition:

a. The Authority Holder must enable access for relevant iwi to any archaeological site encountered in order to undertake tikanga, (subject to any health and safety requirements). ~~be exercised subject to any health and safety requirements.~~

b. If any possible taonga or Māori artefacts are encountered, relevant iwi must be informed to enable appropriate tikanga to be undertaken, so long as all statutory requirements under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 and the Protected Objects Act 1975 are met.

c. If any archaeological site is encountered and works modifying or destroying the archaeological site are undertaken, relevant iwi must be provided with a copy of any

reports completed under Conditions 8 and 11 and be given an opportunity to discuss it with the section 45 Approved Person if required.

10. HNZPT has no other comment in relation to the Panel's conditions.