

Stevenson Aggregates Ltd: Sutton Block - Proposed amendments to the proposed Conditions

In response to the Invited Parties' Comments and the Panel – Ecology RFI, the applicant has agreed to a number of amendments to the proposed consent conditions. A summary of the key changes is outlined below; this is not an exhaustive list. The full revised set of conditions will be provided to the Panel on 10 October 2025 (subject to any further direction from the Panel).

General:

Community Liaison Group

A new draft condition requiring the establishment of a Community Liaison Group (CLG) made up of representatives of nearby residents to discuss quarry-related matters will be provided within the next iteration of conditions.

Cultural Management Plan

Amend draft Cultural Management Plan (Condition 7) to ensure that at least 6 months prior to commencement of construction activities, the consent holder must invite Mana Whenua to prepare a CMP.

Hingaia Islands Offset Planting

Subject to obtaining Department of Conservation landowner approval within 12 months of the granting of consent, SAL must establish and maintain 5ha of offset planting on Hingaia Island (as shown in Figure 18, *Hingaia Island Revegetation Plan*, dated 27 February 2025). This planting must be undertaken in accordance with the *Ngā Motu o Hingaia Island 2 Planting Schedule* set out in Table 20 (*Indicative Pioneer and Enrichment Plant Schedules for Ngā Motu o Hingaia Island 2*) in the NGDP:PP prepared by Bioresarches, and completed within the next planting season following landowner approval.

Note: This planting is to be undertaken as a goodwill initiative and is no longer proposed as part of the application's offset package.

Certification of Management Plans

Remove Condition 12, which provides for deemed certification of Management Plans after 30 working days with no Council response. In place of this, Condition 10 will be amended to require that all Management Plans are certified by Council prior to the commencement of works.

Ecology

A range of amendments to ecology conditions will be undertaken in response to DoC, Auckland Conservation Board, AC – Ecology and the Panel's comments. Key ones will include:

- Amendments to the Management Plan General conditions to provide more guidance on the certification process, and to confirm the Management Plans must be complied with for the duration of the Construction Works and Operational Phases of the Project.

- The conditions are proposed to be updated to require periodic monitoring (once every 5 years) to confirm that stream restoration SEV gains are being maintained.
- Amendments to strengthen the currently proposed short-term and long-term monitoring of ecological outcomes for the wetland and stream restoration offset works (including offset targets, measures, monitoring and reporting).
- Amendments to address triggers for raising under-performance with Auckland Council, and a pathway for undertaking additional ecological offsetting works to address any shortfall anticipated or measured towards achieving the stated net-gain targets.
- Condition 40 (EMP) will be updated to provide further objectives and to provide performance standards.
- Additional details will be added to the LMP (Condition 45), including amending the objective and providing further detail on the LMP requirements (use of current best practice to capture lizards, relocate, enhance habitats and monitoring requirements).
- Amendments to the NAMP to apply to the Construction Works phase only, and will include a minimum exclusion area of 10 m.
- Amendments to the BMP to provide more clarity on the requirements to be met.
- Amendments to the NGDP:PWC to include specific targets for predator control (5% TTI & RTC) will be included in Condition 58(f). Targets for individual vegetation parameters are too complex to include in a condition. Instead, it is more appropriate to refer to the relevant plans – amendments to Condition 58(g): NGDP:PWC and Condition 61(k) and 61(l): NGDP:PP will be made.
- Amendments to the NGDP:PP to require monitoring and reporting on the progress of the planting against the 5-year biodiversity offset targets and BOAMs and to identify contingency actions that may be required to be implemented should performance results fall short of modelled outcomes by >10%.
- References to 'compensation' will be removed from the Condition set.
- Amendments to the annual reporting requirements to include terrestrial planting and wetland planting.
- Amendments to the Pest and Weed Control Monitoring and Reporting requirements to include an assessment on the effectiveness of the predator control programme based on monitoring results.
- Provide greater clarity around the need for long term vegetation condition monitoring and reporting.

Groundwater

- Amendments to the Groundwater Management Plan to explicitly require that a process be undertaken for the installation of a replacement borehole, where necessary, in circumstances where a monitoring borehole becomes dry or damaged, and where replacement remains justified in light of observed drawdown patterns.
- Amendment to draft Condition 138 to expand freshwater baseline survey parameters to include monthly water chemistry monitoring including, cations, anions, nutrients, metals pH, and electrical conductivity.

- Amendment to draft Condition 142 to require earlier establishment of NT1 stream flow monitoring site and the addition of a new Maketu Stream upstream monitoring site.
- Inclusion of a new Condition to require groundwater quality in the proposed augmentation bores to be analysed and reported on in the annual monitoring reports. Augmentation may only begin once a freshwater ecologist has confirmed the water is suitable.
- Inclusion of a new condition requiring if Hunua Quarry ceases augmentation of Hays, Symonds, and Peach Hill Streams, the consent holder will engage a suitably qualified expert to prepare a report recommending whether augmentation is required in response to Sutton Block dewatering, and to propose a regime if necessary.
- Minor changes to Appendix 1: Schedule A Groundwater Monitoring Bores and Trigger Levels to MK1L (deep) and MK1U (shallow) to be drilled 6 months after consent and updates to the footnotes.

Earthworks

- Amendments to various erosion and sediment control and earthworks conditions to align with Auckland Council's Condition Manual. However, these amendments will be limited to Stage 1 Establishment Works, which are considered "traditional" earthworks and will use GD05 erosion and sediment controls. From Stage 2 onwards, standard earthworks conditions are not fit for purpose once the quarry is operational.
- Addition of a new consent condition restricting stream work not to be undertaken between 1 May and 30 September without a request for winter works approval for Auckland Council.
- Amendment to the proposed Sutton Block Stream Diversion and Enhancement Plan (Conditions 59–60) to require further details on erosion and sediment controls and methodology for diversion of flows during stream works, and a methodology for the proposed stream diversion.