

From: [Infrastructure Portfolio](#)
To: [Nicola Willis \(MIN\)](#); [Shane Jones \(MIN\)](#); [Penny Simmonds \(MIN\)](#)
Cc: [FTAreferrals](#)
Subject: Invitation to comment on Fast-track referral application for the Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill - Stage 1 project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 – FTAA-2505-1062
Date: Wednesday, 3 September 2025 1:11:45 pm

To:
Minister for Economic Growth
Minister for Regional Development
Minister for the Environment

Dear Ministers,

Hon Chris Bishop, the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister), has asked for me to write to you on his behalf.

The Minister has received an application from Whiterock Lime Limited for referral of the Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill – Stage 1 project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) to the fast-track process (application reference FTAA-2505-1062).

The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits.

Invitation to comment on referral application

I write in accordance with section 17 of the Act to invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. I have provided summary details of the project below.

If you wish to provide written comments, these must be received by **return email** within **20 working days** of receipt of this email. The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame. Any comments submitted will contribute to the Minister's decision on whether to accept the referral application and to refer the project.

If you do not wish to provide comments, please let us know as soon as possible so we can proceed with processing the application without delay.

If the Minister decides to accept the application and to refer the project, the Applicant will need to complete any preliminary steps required under the Act and then lodge their substantive application for the approvals needed for the project. An expert panel will be appointed to decide the substantive application.

Process

The application documents are accessible through the Fast-track portal. Please note that application documents may contain commercially sensitivity information and should not be shared widely. If you haven't used the portal before, you can request access by emailing ftareferrals@mfe.govt.nz. Once you are registered and have accepted the terms and conditions, you will receive a link to view the documents. Existing users will be able to see application documents via the request when logging into the portal. Should you need for your agency to provide any supplementary information, a nominated person can be provided access to the portal, access can be requested by emailing ftareferrals@mfe.govt.nz.

To submit your comments on the application, you can either provide a letter or complete the attached template for written comments and return it by replying to this email, infrastructure.portfolio@parliament.govt.nz.

Before the due date, if you have any queries about this email or need assistance with using the portal, please email contact@fasttrack.govt.nz. Further information is available at <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/>.

Important Information

Please note that all comments received from Ministers invited to comment will be subject to the Official Information Act 1982. Comments received will be proactively released at the time the Minister for Infrastructure makes a referral decision, unless the Minister providing comments advises the Minister for Infrastructure's office they are to be withheld, at the time they are submitted.

If a Conflict of Interest is identified by the Minister providing comments at any stage of providing comments, please inform my office and the Cabinet Office immediately. The Cabinet Office will provide advice and, if appropriate, initiate a request to the Prime Minister to agree to a transfer of the project/portfolio invite to another Minister (a request to transfer a COI from one Minister to another can take 1-7 days).

Project summary

Project name	Whiterock Lime Limited
Applicant	Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill
Location	Quarry Road, Loburn, Canterbury
Project description	<p>The site currently operates as a lime quarry and processing facility. Quarrying and limestone extraction will continue, shaping the managed fill's floor and sides as part of ongoing operations. The project includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. a Class 3 Managed Fill for the Canterbury Region (note that 'class 3 managed fill' is a landfill category under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008)b. accepting sorted inert construction and demolition waste, contaminated soils, and asbestos—excluding any degradable organic materialsc. an expected operational life of 20 years, with a capacity of 800,000 tonnes (approximately 40,000 tonnes per year)d. continued lime quarrying and processing for approximately 10 years.

Yours sincerely



Office of Hon Chris Bishop

Minister of Housing | Minister for Infrastructure | Minister Responsible for RMA Reform | Minister of Transport | Associate Minister of Finance | Associate Minister for Sport & Recreation | Leader of the House | MP for Hutt South

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Stefanie Rixecker
Chief Executive Officer
Canterbury Regional Council

Email: [s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)

Dear Stefanie

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I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(1)(a) of the Act, I invite Canterbury Regional Council to provide written comments on the referral application. Under section 17(3) of the Act and without limiting any general comments under subsection (1)(a), Canterbury Regional Council **must** provide comments advising on the following matters:

1. Any applications that have been lodged with the Council that would be a competing application or applications if a substantive application for the project were lodged. If no such applications exist, please provide written confirmation.
2. In relation to projects seeking approval of a resource consent under section 42(4)(a) of the Act, whether there any existing resource consents issued where sections 124C(1)(c) or 165I of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) could apply, if the project were to be applied for as a resource consent under the RMA. If no such consents exist, please provide written confirmation.

I also invite you to provide further information on the following matters:

3. whether you consider this project provides significant regional benefits related to overall landfill activity.

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Yours sincerely



Ilana Miller
General Manager, Delivery and Operations

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cc: Dani Devine - fasttrack@ecan.govt.nz

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Mary Richardson
Chief Executive
Christchurch City Council

Email: [s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)

Dear Mary

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Hamish Dobbie
Chief Executive
Hurunui District Council

Email: ceo@hurunui.govt.nz

Dear Hamish

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Project summary details	<p>The project is to construct and operate a Class 3 Managed Fill at Whiterock, Loburn. The project area is located approximately 23.5 kilometres from the centre of Rangiora and 50 kilometres to the centre of Christchurch and is within the Canterbury Region.</p> <p>The applicant states the Whiterock site currently operates as a lime quarry and processing facility. Quarrying and limestone extraction will continue, shaping the managed fill's floor and sides as part of ongoing operations.</p> <p>The project includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a Class 3 Managed Fill for the Canterbury region• accepting sorted inert construction and demolition waste, contaminated soils, and asbestos—excluding any degradable organic materials• an expected operation of 20 years, with a capacity of 800,000 tonnes (approximately 40,000 tonnes per year)• lime quarrying and processing for approximately 10 years. <p>The project will require the proposed approvals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• consents under the Resource Management Act 1991.

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Gaye Searancke
Chief Executive
Land Information New Zealand

Email:

Dear Gaye

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1. To confirm the details of the easement with Whiterock Lime Limited over the land within the project area.

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James Palmer
Secretary for the Environment
Ministry for the Environment

Email: [s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)

Dear James

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I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(1)(c) of the Act (which requires the Minister to seek comments on a referral application from the relevant administering agencies). I invite the Ministry for the Environment to provide written comments on the referral application as the administering agency for the Resource Management Act 1991 including the following matters:

1. Whether there are any specific comments on this application with relevance to the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.

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Ilana Miller
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Tania Wati
Representative
Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga

Email: [s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)

Tēnā koe Tania

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Recovery) Regulations 2025. For information about contribution fees and invoices refer to the Fasttrack webpage on [Cost recovery for agencies](#).

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Nāku noa, nā

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Justin Tipa
Chair
Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu

Email: [s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)

Tēnā koe Justin

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Nāku noa, nā



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General Manager, Delivery and Operations

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cc Amy Beran - Senior Environmental Advisors 9(2)(a) [REDACTED], Lisa Mackenzie - Senior Environmental Advisors 9(2)(a) [REDACTED], ttw@ngaitahu.iwi.nz

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Project summary details	<p>The project is to construct and operate a Class 3 Managed Fill at Whiterock, Loburn. The project area is located approximately 23.5 kilometres from the centre of Rangiora and 50 kilometres to the centre of Christchurch and is within the Canterbury Region.</p> <p>The applicant states the Whiterock site currently operates as a lime quarry and processing facility. Quarrying and limestone extraction will continue, shaping the managed fill's floor and sides as part of ongoing operations.</p> <p>The project includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a Class 3 Managed Fill for the Canterbury region• accepting sorted inert construction and demolition waste, contaminated soils, and asbestos—excluding any degradable organic materials• an expected operation of 20 years, with a capacity of 800,000 tonnes (approximately 40,000 tonnes per year)• lime quarrying and processing for approximately 10 years. <p>The project will require the proposed approvals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• consents under the Resource Management Act 1991.

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Jeff Millward
Chief Executive
Waimakariri District Council

Email: [s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)

Dear Jeff

Invitation to provide written comments on an application for referral of the Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

An application has been received by the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister) from Whiterock Lime Limited (the applicant) for referral of the Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) to the fast-track approvals process. Project summary details are in Appendix A.

The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits. [Section 22](#) of the Act sets out the criteria that inform the Minister's decision-making process on referral applications.

I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(1)(a) of the Act, invite Waimakariri District Council to provide written comments on the referral application. Under section 17(3) of the Act and without limiting any general comments under subsection (1)(a), Waimakariri District Council **must** provide comments advising on the following matters:

1. Any applications that have been lodged with the Council that would be a competing application or applications if a substantive application for the project were lodged. If no such applications exist, please provide written confirmation.
2. In relation to projects seeking approval of a resource consent under section 42(4)(a) of the Act, whether there any existing resource consents issued where sections 124C(1)(c) or 165ZI of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) could apply, if the project were to be applied for as a resource consent under the RMA. If no such consents exist, please provide written confirmation.

The information you are receiving is being provided to you consistent with the statutory requirements for consultation under section 17 of the Act. The information is being provided in-

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Appendix A – Project summary details

Application number	FTAA-2505-1062
Project name	Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill
Applicant name	Whiterock Lime Limited
Project summary details	<p>The project is to construct and operate a Class 3 Managed Fill at Whiterock, Loburn. The project area is located approximately 23.5 kilometres from the centre of Rangiora and 50 kilometres to the centre of Christchurch and is within the Canterbury Region.</p> <p>The applicant states the Whiterock site currently operates as a lime quarry and processing facility. Quarrying and limestone extraction will continue, shaping the managed fill's floor and sides as part of ongoing operations.</p> <p>The project includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a Class 3 Managed Fill for the Canterbury region• accepting sorted inert construction and demolition waste, contaminated soils, and asbestos—excluding any degradable organic materials• an expected operation of 20 years, with a capacity of 800,000 tonnes (approximately 40,000 tonnes per year)• lime quarrying and processing for approximately 10 years. <p>The project will require the proposed approvals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• consents under the Resource Management Act 1991.

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Kyle Davis
Representative
Whitiora Centre Limited

Email: [s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)

Tēnā koe Kyle

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The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits. [Section 22](#) of the Act sets out the criteria that inform the Minister's decision-making process on referral applications.

I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(d) of the Act (which requires consultation with relevant Māori groups identified under section 18(2)). I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application,

The information you are receiving is being provided to you consistent with the statutory requirements for consultation under section 17 of the Act. The information is being provided in-confidence and should not be forwarded or comments sought from, anyone outside of your organisation.

If you wish to provide written comments, these must be received within **20 working days** of receipt of this letter and copy of the application. The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame. Comments received will inform the Minister's considerations in making decisions on whether to accept the referral application. If a decision is made to refer the project, any comments received may assist in determining the information that must be submitted with the substantive application.

If you provide written comments as a **Māori consultation group**, you may be entitled to a financial contribution of \$1,500 (excluding GST) under Schedule 2 of the Fast-Track Approvals (Cost

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Recovery) Regulations 2025. For information about contribution fees and invoices refer to the Fasttrack webpage on [Cost recovery for agencies](#).

If the Minister decides to accept the application and to refer the project, the applicant will need to complete any preliminary steps required under the Act and then lodge their substantive application for the approvals needed for the project. An expert panel will be appointed to decide the substantive application.

Please upload your comments directly via the portal by completing the template for written comments provided in Attachment 1. Alternatively, you are welcome to upload your comments via the portal using your own format or document, if preferred.

Before the due date, please email any queries about this letter to referral@fasttrack.govt.nz and include the name of the Application Lead –Max Gander-Cooper. For assistance with the application portal, please email contact@fasttrack.govt.nz or phone 0800 FASTRK (0800 327 875).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ilana Miller'.

Ilana Miller
General Manager, Delivery and Operations

Appendix A: Project summary details

Cc: Whitiora Centre Limited inbox: admin@whitiora.org.nz

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Applicant name	Whiterock Lime Limited
Project summary details	<p>The project is to construct and operate a Class 3 Managed Fill at Whiterock, Loburn. The project area is located approximately 23.5 kilometres from the centre of Rangiora and 50 kilometres to the centre of Christchurch and is within the Canterbury Region.</p> <p>The applicant states the Whiterock site currently operates as a lime quarry and processing facility. Quarrying and limestone extraction will continue, shaping the managed fill's floor and sides as part of ongoing operations.</p> <p>The project includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a Class 3 Managed Fill for the Canterbury region• accepting sorted inert construction and demolition waste, contaminated soils, and asbestos—excluding any degradable organic materials• an expected operation of 20 years, with a capacity of 800,000 tonnes (approximately 40,000 tonnes per year)• lime quarrying and processing for approximately 10 years. <p>The project will require the proposed approvals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• consents under the Resource Management Act 1991.