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Good morning,

Please find attached Firth's letter of support for Winstone aggregate's land exchange application.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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**25th February 2026**

Dear Jenny Fitzgerald

**Re: Invitation to Comment on land exchange application – Belmont Quarry Development**

Thank you for the invitation to comment on Winstone Aggregates' land exchange application.

Firth Industries are a key supplier of concrete and masonry products, and paving materials that are critical to regional infrastructure and residential development across Wellington.

We operate a plant onsite at Belmont Quarry and are therefore highly familiar with its operations and operating practices. We strongly support its application and its plan to secure the long-term future of the quarry for Wellington.

Concrete production relies heavily on a secure, local aggregate source. We operate multiple plants across the Wellington region, all of which will be directly impacted by the scarcity or instability in aggregate supply should the Belmont quarry cease operation.

Wellington faces significant infrastructure and housing growth, with concrete demand driven by:

- New housing needs
- Roading and cycleway projects
- Water infrastructure upgrades
- Wider regional population growth projections (with an estimated increase of +200,000 people by 2050).

As a major concrete supplier, our ability to support these developments depends on reliable, local source materials. We source approximately 91,000 tonnes of material every year from Belmont quarry. Importing aggregates from further distances would increase cost, risk and our carbon footprint, making the continuity of Belmont crucial to our supply chain.

We have reviewed the land exchange application and are already familiar with the areas being proposed for exchange. We have no further comments on the land exchange and are fully supportive of the land exchange and the continued operation of Belmont quarry as a key regional supplier.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further clarification.

Sincerely,

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