



Re: Request for comments on draft conditions - Drury Quarry Expansion - Sutton Block (FTAA-2503-1037)

From Caroline Smith [REDACTED]

Date Thu 27/11/2025 4:14 PM

To Substantive <Substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz>

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To: [REDACTED]
From: Tim MacWhinney
Application Lead
Fast Track Applications

SUBJECT: Drury Quarry Expansion
Re email 25.11.25

Good afternoon Alex,
These are further comments and background information to my submission in September 2025.

My main objection to the Quarry expansion is that the proposed western boundary of the quarry workings and pit, will be too close to my properties No [REDACTED] at eastern end of MacWhinney Drive.

The closeness of the pit to my properties as well as other land owners in the proximity to my land, will exacerbate the problems associated with:

- Noise from blasting
- Use of quarrying and transporting machinery
- Rock crushing machinery
- Dust
- Overland flows of surface water
- Groundwater flowing to springs on my properties
- Reduce a suitable-sized fauna and flora corridor between substantial size areas of mature indigenous forest either side of the “pinchpoint” between my properties and the western edge of the proposed quarry pit.

- Disturbance to the fauna and flora in our indigenous bush areas.
- Potential visual pollution. The Council will not allow building on ridgelines or promontories. This must also apply to rock-moving equipment.

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I have been farming on it for 55 years.

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In the 1980's when there was concern about good quality, pastoral land being subdivided into life style blocks. The Council selected the hill section of our land for rezoning into rural lifestyle.

The contour and outcrops of basalt boulders meant this land was marginal for farming and we could keep the top quality lowland to continue dairy farming. When we applied for rezoning Stevensons objected, claiming that you needed at least 500 m area as a buffer around their quarry.

The Council could see that it was the quarry owners who should provide the buffer zone with their own property and not expect their neighbours to do so. The Council compromised and forced us to leave a 30 ha Lot as a buffer zone between land we could subdivide for rural lifestyle blocks.

Now we have a situation whereby Stevensons are completely disregarding their claim 40 years ago that a 500 meter buffer zone was needed between a quarry zone and non quarrying land.

The most objectionable aspect of this is that they have any amount of land to provide this buffer by moving the proposed quarry eastwards.

Needing to have access to every bit of quarry rock is not a reason. The entire Hunua Ranges , of which the Quarry is located on the western escarpment, is almost all grey wacke rock. This is an old sandstone with some intrusive and extrusive volcanic rock.

The value of the site is not the rock but its location next to an established Quarry business.

Naku noa na,

Kind Regards

Tim MacWhinney

OWNER OF KILKEEL HOLDINGS



*Aerial Photo attached

Restorative Planting Project Associated with Sutton Block

It should be kept in the local Drury area.

There is a section of bush within the southern portion of the buffer zone in Stevenson adjacent to the rural resident zone that is low quality scrub that should be planted in climax species, e.g. puriri, kaikatea, rimuetc. which is seen by everyone on Drury Hill Rd and beyond.



On Thu, 27 Nov 2025 at 4:08 PM, Caroline Smith [REDACTED] wrote:

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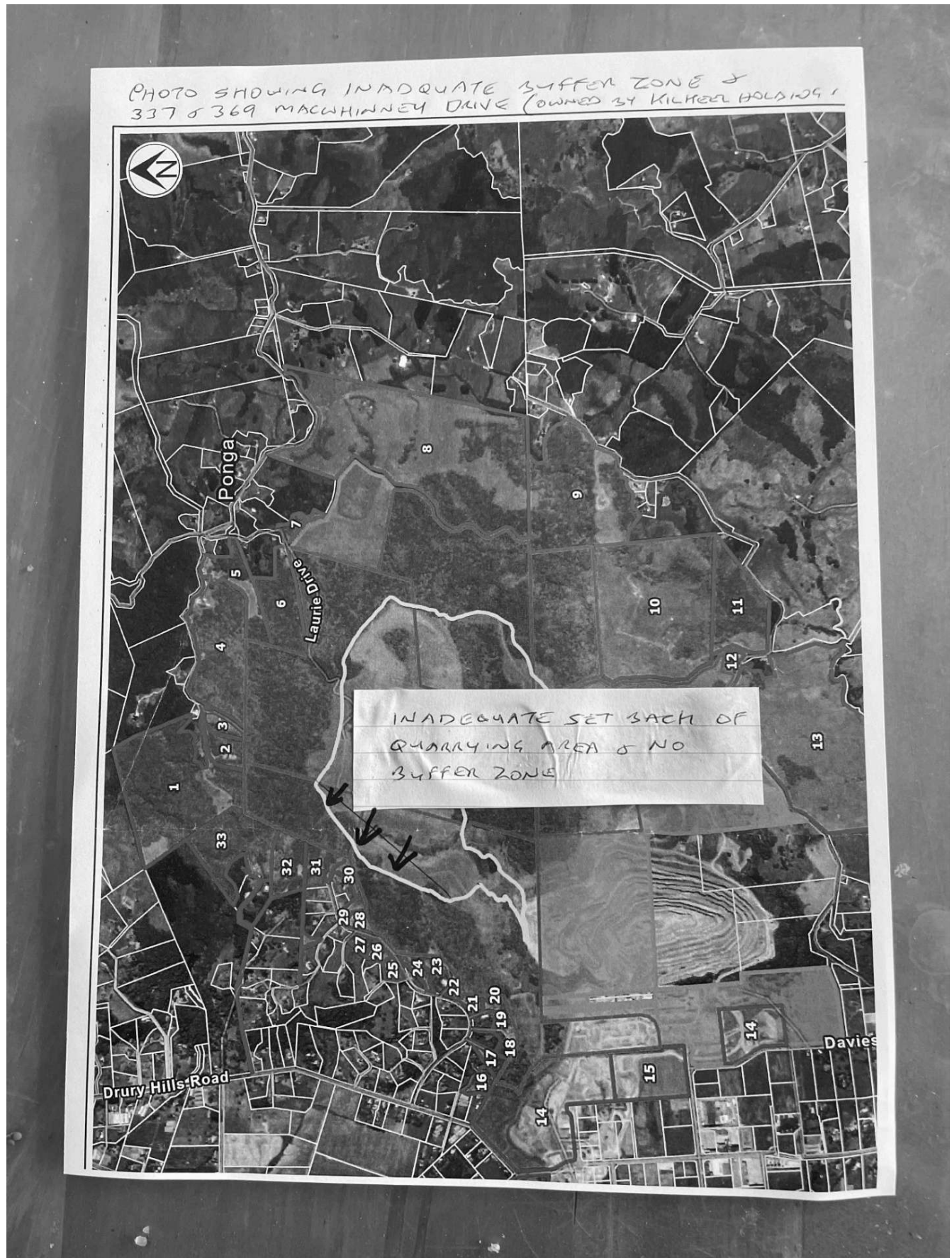
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Tim MacWhinney
OWNER OF KILKEEL HOLDINGS
Registered Owner of 337 & 369
MacWhinney Drive, Drury

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On Tue, 25 Nov 2025 at 12:48 PM, Substantive <Substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz> wrote:

Tēnā koe

Following the email sent on 13 November 2025 (below) regarding the Drury Quarry Expansion - Sutton Block fast-track application, the Panel have now issued Minute 11 highlighting their remaining concerns regarding groundwater and ecology matters.

A copy of the Minute is attached. The Minute has been issued ahead of comments on the draft conditions closing so that invited parties may take it into account.

Please note that if you have already submitted comments you can still file further comments to Substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz by close of business on 27 November 2025.

If you have any questions please contact Alex Mickleson, Application lead, at info@fasttrack.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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From: Substantive <Substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2025 1:32 PM

To: Substantive <Substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz>

Subject: Request for comments on draft conditions - Drury Quarry Expansion - Sutton Block (FTAA-2503-1037)

Tēnā koe

You are receiving this email as you provided comments on the Drury Quarry Expansion – Sutton Block application by Stevenson Aggregates Limited (the Applicant).

Release of Draft Conditions

On 13 November 2025, the Drury Quarry Expansion – Sutton Block Expert Panel (the Panel) issued draft conditions. In accordance with section 70 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, (the Act), an Expert Panel must invite comments on the proposed draft conditions from:

- the applicant;
- all those who provided comments under section 35 or 53 of the Act; and,
- any local authority with a statutory responsibility to enforce or monitor compliance with the conditions.

The conditions are separated according to approval.

The Panel must also include a copy of their draft decision for each approval. The applicant has applied for the following approvals:

- resource consents under section 42(4)(a) of the Act;
- a wildlife approval under section 42(4)(h) of the Act;
- an archaeological authority under section 42(4)(i) of the Act.

The draft conditions and the draft decision(s) are available to be viewed on the Fast-track website here:

<https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/drury-quarry-expansion-sutton-block/draft-decision-and-conditions>

Comments on draft conditions must be received by the Fast-track Team by close of business, **27 November 2025**.

Once the Panel has received all the comments they will be provided to all parties that provided comments under section 35 or 53 and to the applicant.

On 13 November 2025, the Panel issued Minute 10 which explains this in more detail. The Minute can be found on the Fast-track website here: <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/drury-quarry-expansion-sutton-block/correspondence>

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