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Attachments: DOC Land Exchange - Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Response.pdf;
Comment form for land exchange application - Belmont Quarry.docx

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Kia Ora Emma,

Thank you for consulting Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira regarding this application.

Please see our comments attached.

Have a wonderful rest of your day,

Ngā mihi,

Jaquan Nin

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Tēnā koe,

Notice of application by Winstone Aggregates, and invitation to comment under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Notice of Application

On 10 December 2025, Winstone Aggregates lodged a land exchange application with the Department of Conservation (DOC) for Belmont Quarry Development under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act).

On 21 January 2026 DOC determined that the application complied with section 34 of the Act.

A copy of the application and supporting documents can be accessed on the Fast-track website: [Belmont Quarry Development](#)

Invitation to Comment

DOC invites you to comment on the above application under section 35 of the Act. If you wish to comment on the application, please submit your comments to the Fast-track team by email to landexchange@doc.govt.nz with the project name in the subject line. A response form is enclosed to assist you with providing relevant details and comments.

To assist timeframes to be met, email is the preferred method for response. If you are unable to submit your comments digitally, you may respond by post to Land Exchange Fast-track Application, Conservation House, PO Box 10 420, Wellington 6143

Your comments must be received by the Fast-track Team no later than 26 February 2026. There is no right for you (or any other person) to seek a waiver of this time limit.

The Fast-track team will forward copies of any comments received to Winstone Aggregates.

If you comment on the application, DOC will also invite you to comment on the draft land exchange report at a later stage. If you do not comment on the application, you will be notified of the final report once it is available.

Important Information

Your personal information will be held by DOC and used in relation to the project application process. You have the right to access and correct personal information held by DOC. Certain information in relation to your comments on the application will become public as the EPA will publish a copy of your comments on the Fast-track website.

If you are a corporate entity making comments on this application, your full contact details will be publicly available. For individuals, your name will be publicly available, but your contact details (phone number, address, and email) will not be publicly available.

All information held by the EPA and DOC is subject to the Official Information Act 1982. If you believe any of the information you provide is confidential or sensitive and should be withheld from publication, please highlight the information concerned and provide an explanation to support your request for withholding it.

Further Information

More information on the fast-track consenting process can be found at <https://www.fasttrackgovt.nz/>

If you have any questions, please contact Emma Fahey, Application Lead by email at landexchange@doc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

Emma Fahey
Fast-track Team

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Invitation for comment on Belmont Quarry Development land exchange application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024



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An application has been made by Winstone Aggregates under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) for a land exchange application for Belmont Quarry Development (the project).

How do I make a comment on the application?

- Fill in the details on the attached form and:
- **Email** the form to landexchange@doc.govt.nz. Please mark in the subject line: "Comments on land draft land exchange application and Belmont Quarry Development; or
- **Post** the form the form to Land Exchange Fast-track Application, Conservation House, PO Box 10 420, Wellington 6143 in time for the form to be received by the date comments are due by.

Comments must be received by the Department of Conservation, on behalf of the Director-General of Conservation, no later than the date comments are due by. The Department of Conservation is not able to issue extensions of waivers to the deadline and may not consider comments received late.

If you are an iwi authority you may share the consent application with hapū whose rohe is in the project area in the application and choose to include comments from the hapū with any comments you may wish to provide.

Closing date of comments

The closing date and time for sending objections or submissions to the Director-General on this matter is **26 February 2026**.

Important information

Your personal information will be held by the Department of Conservation and used in relation to the land exchange application process. You have the right to access and correct personal information held by the Department of Conservation.

The Fast-track Team will forward copies of any comments received to Winstone Aggregates and they may be published on the Fast-track website.

Your name and organisation will be identified in the draft report, which may become publicly available. Having commented on the application, you will be invited to comment on the draft report that the Department of Conservation will prepare.

If you believe any of the information you have provided is confidential or sensitive and should be withheld from publication, please highlight the information concerned and provide an explanation to support your request for withholding it. Your comment and explanation will be provided to the Director-General of Conservation consideration on withholding that information from publication.

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Comments on the Belmont Quarry Development land exchange application



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Contact details

All sections of this form with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.

Organisation name (if submitting on behalf of a business, community group, etc.)	Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira
*First and Last name	Jaquān Nin
*Email (Communication from DOC will be via email unless alternate contact requested)	s9(2)(a)
Alternate contact for all DOC communication	Resource.consents@ngatittoa.iwi.nz
*Phone/Mobile	s9(2)(a)
Postal Address and Post Code	3 Wi Neera Drive, Porirua Centre, Porirua 5022

We will email you the draft land exchange report for your comment

Please identify your preferred method for receiving the draft land exchange report for your comment.	Email / Post
	Email

YES I wish to **keep my contact details confidential**

Note: Your contact details will be not made public, but your name and organisation may be published alongside your commentary

Attachments

If you are using attachments to support your commentary, please clearly label each attachment, complete the table below and send in your attachments with this form.

Document title	Document format (e.g. Word, PDF, Excel, jpg etc.)	Description of attachment
DOC Land Exchange - Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Response	PDF	Comments to the Fast Track Application for Land Exchange

25 February 2025

Attn: Emma Fahey

Belmont Quarry Fast -Track Application – Land Exchange

Tēnā koe Emma,

Thank you for consulting Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira (Te Rūnanga) on the land exchange application lodged by Winstone Aggregates with the Department of Conservation for the Belmont Quarry Development project under the Fast-Track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act).

Te Rūnanga is the mandated iwi authority for Ngāti Toa Rangatira (Ngāti Toa). We have the responsibility for protecting and enhancing the mana of Ngāti Toa across the various political, economic, social and environmental spheres.

In relation to Te Ao Tūroa, the objective of Ngāti Toa is to nurture a resilient environment to sustain future generations through reclaimed connection and mātauranga to natural resources, empowering kaitiaki who are leaders and co-managers of our natural environment, our commitment to environmental sustainability and our ability to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Details about the Application and the view of Te Rūnanga

Te Rūnanga has been engaged with Winstone Aggregates throughout the pre-lodgement phase of the Belmont Quarry Development project, in relation to the proposed land exchange (Part A). We provided written feedback prior to lodgement and subsequently supplied an updated letter in November 2025 addressing refinements to the application.

Our engagement reflects our interests in review of ecological, hydrological and cultural information, as well as discussions regarding the conservation values of both the land proposed to be relinquished and the land proposed to be acquired.

In providing these comments to DOC, Te Rūnanga reiterates that our assessment is guided by our kaitiaki responsibilities to Te Ao Tūroa and our obligation to uphold the mauri of the wider Belmont landscape. Our interest extends beyond the transactional exchange of land parcels to the long term ecological integrity, hydrological function, and intergenerational wellbeing of the catchment.

The Position of Te Rūnanga

Te Rūnanga maintains a neutral position on the proposed land exchange. However, we wish to raise the following matters:



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- Overall conservation benefit: DOC must be satisfied that the exchange results in a genuine conservation gain, with clear evidence that the values of the land received exceed, or appropriately offset, those of the land being relinquished.
- Independent ecological assurance: Te Rūnanga recommends that DOC obtain or confirm independent peer review of the ecological assessments to ensure robustness and transparency. We also encourage DOC to evaluate the ecological function of the habitats involved, including hydrological characteristics, species composition and regeneration potential.
- Loss and vulnerability of swamp forest: Given the substantial historical loss of wetland and swamp forest habitat in the Wellington Region, Te Rūnanga recommends that DOC's assessment explicitly considers the regional scarcity of such ecosystems. This is particularly important in light of the vulnerability of swamp maire to myrtle rust and the need to support the long term viability of these taonga species.
- Protection of water bodies and associated species: The tributaries, wetlands and taonga species within the Belmont catchment require careful consideration. Sediment control, water flow management and monitoring frameworks must be sufficiently robust to avoid degradation of our ancestral landscape.

Conclusion

Te Rūnanga acknowledges that the proposed land exchange does not alter the enduring relationship of mana whenua with the Belmont landscape. Our kaitiaki responsibilities remain irrespective of land tenure.

Te Rūnanga appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on the land exchange component of the Belmont Quarry Development project. Our position reflects a measured approach grounded in kaitiakitanga, ecological integrity and intergenerational responsibility.

We remain committed to constructive engagement with Winstone Aggregates as this proposal progresses under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

Ngā mihi,

Jaquān Nin



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