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Attachments: Comment form for land exchange application - Belmont Quarry - NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi Comments.pdf

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Kia ora Emma,

Please find attached the NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi comments on the Belmont Quarry land exchange application.

Please let me know if you need anything further at this time.

Ngā mihi,

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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.

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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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New Zealand Government

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.)	NZ Transport Agency
*First and Last name	Nicola Foran
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Alternate contact for all DOC communication	
*Phone/Mobile	s9(2)(a)
Postal Address and Post Code	

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
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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

Please provide your comments on the land exchange application (use additional pages if required)

NZTA is the road controlling authority of both State Highway 2 and State Highway 58 located in immediate proximity to the subject sites and has two designations that front two of the parcels of land subject to the exchange as follows:

Dry Creek

NZTA is an adjacent landowner of the 'Dry Creek' area of land subject to the land exchange, located at 2 Haywards Hill Road, Haywards. NZTA administers the portion of Hebden Crescent that immediately fronts the site, with Designation TNZ3 extending over this section of Hebden Crescent.

Firth Block

NZTA is a designation holder adjacent to the 'Firth Block' area of land subject to the land exchange located within the Belmont Quarry at 541 Hebden Crescent, Kelson. NZTA administers the TNZ1 Designation

Winstone Aggregates have stated that as a result of the land exchange there is no anticipated change in land use on both the Dry Creek and Firth Block sites, nor an increase in traffic effects. NZTA has considered the proposal as a landowner and designation holder and considers that as a result of the land exchange, there will not be impacts on NZTA administered land, nor will the exchange and associated use prevent or hinder the NZTA's ability to give effect to its designation.

NZTA Interests in the Subject Conservation Land:

NZTA has an informal interest in the area of land that is subject to the proposed land exchange. As part of the State Highway 58 Safety Improvements Project (SH58), NZTA has designation conditions which requires planting to be undertaken within the Belmont Regional Park to offset the removal of indigenous vegetation along the SH58 alignment. NZTA had proposed to undertake this offset planting within the area of conservation land subject to this land exchange. This land had been previously identified by GWRC as a suitable location where pest plant species could be removed, and new indigenous vegetation planting undertaken, to provide a positive offset for the removal of vegetation associated with facilitating the SH58 Safety Improvements.

NZTA had previously obtained approval in principle from the Department of Conservation (DoC) and the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) to undertake offset planting within the land exchange subject area and had completed ecological investigation on this parcel of land. NZTA has an approved Ecological Management Plan certified by both the Hutt City Council (HCC) and Upper Hutt City Council (UHCC) for the planting to be undertaken within this location.

Consultation

NZTA became aware of the proposal by Winstone Aggregates to exchange the land subject to our offset planting, through both NZTA and Winstone Aggregates consultation with GWRC in September 2025. NZTA has been corresponding with Winstone Aggregates on how both organisations can best progress this mutual interest in this land.

Following this engagement with Winstone Aggregates, NZTA has been investigating alternative options to undertake offset planting in other locations within the Belmont Regional Park. NZTA acknowledges the assistance of GWRC in identifying new suitable alternative areas within the Belmont Regional Park.

Resolution on NZ Transport Agency Interests:

NZTA is currently investigating alternatives to relocate the offset planting within other areas of the Belmont Regional Park and has been in discussions with the GWRC, HCC and UHCC to do so. GWRC has proposed a new site outside of the land exchange area which has been agreed to in principle by NZTA. NZTA is now

seeking internal sign off, and approval from HCC and UHCC, that this alternative location complies with our offset planting requirements. NZTA can confirm that our only interest in the land exchange is the proposed offset area, and as described above, is actively working to secure a new location outside of the land subject to the land exchange, to fulfil our obligation for completing the offset planting. When NZTA obtains the relevant approvals, we will have no further interest in the land exchange.

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