

Franklin Local Board Feedback – Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Project Name:

FTAA-2603-1185 - Hunua Quarry Development Fast-track application to expand the quarry to increase annual capacity to 5.4 million tonnes of aggregate, and to enable the extraction of aggregate for a further 80 years.

Location:

489 Hunua Road, Drury, Auckland 2113

Date:

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Prepared by:

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1. Context – About Fast-track Applications

The Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA) provides a streamlined consenting process for projects deemed to have significant regional or national benefit. Decisions are made by an appointed **Expert Panel**, with no public notification and limited avenues for appeal.

It is important to note:

- The Local Board does **not have a formal decision-making role**, but can provide **local insights** on community impacts, transport, open space, mana whenua engagement, and infrastructure alignment.
- There is **no requirement for applicants to respond to Local Board feedback**, but it can be considered by the Expert Panel.

2. Local Board Feedback

While the Franklin Local Board supports the continued operation and expansion of the Hunua Quarry, it has the following concerns and asks the Panel to consider mitigation and conditions that address these concerns:

1. Transport and access to the quarry – the Local Board notes the considerable increase in truck movements. It has significant concerns about Hunua Road, which is narrow and windy with sight line issues between Papakura and the entrance to the quarry. The road is down to one lane for part of this corridor due to an ongoing slip on the quarry side. The community reports that trucks regularly cross the centre line and are a safety risk to other road users.

Road widening and realignment where possible should be considered as conditions to address the safety concerns before truck numbers are increased.

2. Waterways – the Local Board is concerned about the impact of moving the stream and requests that independent evidence be sought and considered.
3. Ecology – the Local Board notes the removal of native bush and requests that the applicant provides flora and fauna corridors or islands of maintained bush through the site to maintain diversity over the wider area.

3. Contact for Further Information

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