

Before the Expert Fast-track Panel

FTAA-2511-1150

Under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (**FTAA**)

And

In the Matter of an application for approvals by **MCCALLUM BROTHERS LIMITED** for the Te Ākau Bream Bay Sand Extraction Project located at Te Ākau Bream Bay, Northland

**Evidence of Callum Fraser McCallum on behalf of McCallum Brothers Limited in
Response to Minute 14 Further Information Request**

Dated 12 October 2026

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Introduction

1. My name is Callum Fraser McCallum.
2. I am the Managing Director of McCallum Bros. Ltd. (**MBL**) I hold a Bachelor of Agriculture Science as well as a Skipper Restricted Limits (<500T) Maritime ticket. My further qualifications and experience are presented in my evidence in Response to Section 53 comments dated 10 August 2026.
3. This statement is provided as part of MBL's response to Appendix 1 (table item RFI#2) to Minute 14 of the Expert Consenting Panel (**Panel**) relating to questions around the market for manufactured sand and the matters considered by Mr Donoghue in his estimation. This statement is also a timely update to the Panel in relation to the Joint Statement from Allied Concrete/Kaipara Ltd (the **Joint Statement**) which was provided as part of the supporting documentation of Bream Bay Guardians in its Section 53 comments.
4. As the Managing Director of the McCallum Group, I cannot provide independent expert evidence. Nonetheless, to the extent possible, I confirm (acknowledging this is not a hearing before the Environment Court), that:
 - a. I have read and am familiar with the Environment Court's Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses as specified in the Environment Court's Practice Note 2023 (Code); and
 - b. This statement is authored by me and is within my areas of knowledge and experience.

Response to Minute 14 and Update Details

5. MBL has supplied Allied Concrete marine sand for approximately 17 years in Auckland. As MBL became more constrained in its ability to supply marine sand from Pakiri, Allied Concrete began trials in the use of

manufactured sand at its Penrose plant as a replacement for natural marine sand. The dates of these trials and the changes are documented in the Joint Statement.

6. Following the trials and from October 2025, the annualised volumes of marine sand supplied by MBL to Allied Penrose concrete were approximately 5,000 tonne p.a. To give some perspective, prior to any constraints to its sand supply, MBL was supplying the Allied Penrose plant approximately 50,000 tonnes of natural marine sand per annum.
7. In September of 2026, MBL was contacted by Allied Concrete representatives to discuss their interest in increasing the use of natural marine sand at the Allied Penrose plant. They explained that the reason for the increase was due to problems associated with the use of manufactured sand in the pump mixes supplied by Allied Penrose to its customer base.
8. On 12 October 2026 MBL received an email from Mr Anthony Jones, Chief Executive Officer of the HWR Group, owner of Allied Concrete Ltd, acknowledging that it has increased its use of natural sand to resolve problems associated with using manufactured sand in its concrete pump mixes. I attach this email as **Appendix 1** to this Statement. In his capacity as CEO of the HWR Group, Anthony has authorised me to put his email before the Panel in order to update the information that was provided in the Joint Statement. It is also a relevant matter considered by Mr Donoghue in his response to Minute 14.
9. From the 20th of September 2026 the volumes of natural sand supplied to the Penrose plant have increased by approximately 600%. As an annualised number the volume of natural marine sand supplied to the Penrose plant is currently in the vicinity of 30,000 tonnes per annum, significantly more than the 5,000 tonne per annum volume outlined in the Joint Statement.

Callum Fraser McCallum

12 October 2026

Appendix 1

From: [Anthony Jones](#)
To: [Callum McCallum](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Letter of Support – McCallum Bros Bream Bay Sand Extraction Application
Date: Monday, 12 October 2026 1:18:15 pm
Attachments: [image723924.png](#)
[image295178.png](#)

Dear Callum,

Further to our recent telephone conversation, I am writing on behalf of Allied Concrete to express our appreciation for the support McCallum Bros has provided as we work through the issues we are currently experiencing with our manufactured sand.

As you are aware, Allied Concrete recently decided to stop using manufactured sand in our pump mixes because of problems with the pumpability of those mixes. Since then, we have significantly increased our use of marine sand, and this has resolved the issues we were experiencing.

Our team is working closely with the Kaipara team to identify the cause of the problem. At this stage, the cause has not yet been determined.

This situation has shown us how important marine sand is to our operations. Without the support of McCallum Bros, we would face significant difficulties in continuing to supply our customers.

We thank you and your team for your support. Allied Concrete continues to strongly support McCallum Bros' application for sand extraction at Bream Bay.

Kind regards,
Anthony Jones

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