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**Sent:** Thursday, 26 February 2026 12:30 pm  
**To:** Land Exchange  
**Subject:** Response from Hutt City Council on land exchange application by Winstone Aggregates (Belmont Quarry)  
**Attachments:** Belmont Quarry Land Exchange - HCC response - Feb 2026.pdf

Please see response attached.

Ngā mihi | Kind regards,

**Tim Johnstone**  
Head Of Planning

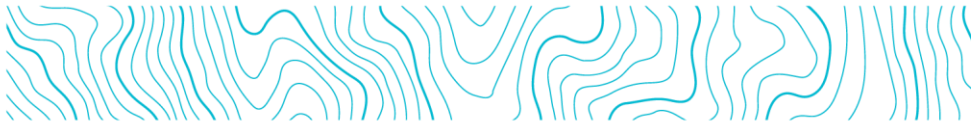
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A red banner for a "Resident Satisfaction Survey". The text "Resident Satisfaction Survey" is in a large, bold, white font. Below it, "Have your say on our city!" is in a smaller white font. A white button with a magnifying glass icon and the text "Click here to find out more" is on the left. The Hutt City logo is in the center. On the right, two white speech bubbles with blue outlines contain the words "Yeah" and "Nah" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The "Yeah" bubble has a thumbs-up icon, and the "Nah" bubble has a thumbs-down icon.

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26 February 2026

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Dear Emma,

**Response to invitation to comment on the land exchange application by Winstone Aggregates under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024**

It is understood that the land exchange application involves a proposed transfer of approximately 34 hectares of Fletcher-owned land to be added to the conservation estate, and approximately 23 ha of Crown-owned recreation reserve land within Belmont Regional Park to be transferred to Winstone Aggregates.

The purpose of the land exchange is to facilitate the establishment of a new overburden disposal area adjacent to the existing quarry. However, the land exchange application does not seek authorisation for any physical works associated with developing the new overburden disposal area. Those works and the associated regulatory approvals will be addressed in a substantive application to follow.

Hutt City Council is satisfied that the land exchange application is matter between the applicant and the Department of Conservation, and that this will be appropriately assessed by the Director-General of Conservation through the land exchange application process. Hutt City Council is therefore neutral on the proposed land exchange proposal.

This letter is not an approval or endorsement of the substantive application to follow. Hutt City Council, in its role as a territorial authority and consent authority under the Resource Management Act, reserves its comments on the environmental effects of the proposal to the substantive application under section 53 of the Fast-track Approvals Act.

Your sincerely

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Jon Kingsbury

Director, Economy & Development