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Director-General of Conservation
Department of Conservation
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Tēnā koe

Request for advice and reports under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Winstone Aggregates (a division of Fletcher Concrete and Infrastructure Limited) has lodged a substantive application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) on 31 March 2026. The Hunua Quarry Development application relates to expanding the existing quarry to increase annual quarry production to approximately 5.4 million tonnes of aggregate, and to enable the extraction of aggregate for a further 80 years.

The EPA has decided that the application is complete and in scope under section 46 of the Act and does not have any competing applications or existing resource consents for the same activity under section 47A of the Act. The EPA has notified the panel convener that they may set up an expert panel to consider and decide the application.

The substantive application seeks an approval for a:

- wildlife approval under section 42(4)(h)
- complex freshwater fisheries activity approval under section 42(4)(j)

Under section 51(1)(b) of the Act, the panel convener has now directed the EPA to obtain from the Director-General of Conservation the following reports:

- In respect of the wildlife approval under **section 42(4)(h)** of the Act, a report prepared by the Director-General of Conservation in accordance with **clause 3 of Schedule 7** of the Act
- In respect of the complex freshwater fisheries activity approval under **section 42(4)(j)** of the Act, a report prepared by the Director-General of Conservation in accordance with **clause 4 of Schedule 9** of the Act

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The panel convener has also directed the EPA to obtain advice from the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and the Māori Heritage Council in respect of the matters that are outlined in the attached Minutes.

Any advice or report received will be provided by the EPA to the persons listed in section 51(5).

The panel convener has issued a Minute dated 15 May 2026 which outlines the panel convenor's directions in more detail. The Minute is attached as Appendix 1 to this letter.

The Department of Conservation must provide the reports and advice within 10 working days of comments being invited by the project in accordance with section 51(4)(a) of the Act.

If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Burns, Application Lead, by email at info@fasttrack.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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