

Technical Specialist Memo - Hunua Quarry Expansion – 489 Hunua Road, Archaeological Assessment

To: Emma Chandler – Lead Planner & Warwick Pascoe - PPL

From: Joe Mills – Specialist Historic Heritage

Qualifications & Relevant Experience: I hold a Master of Arts (Hons) in Anthropology specializing in archaeology from the University of Auckland. I have been employed by Auckland Council as an archaeologist and heritage specialist since 2016. In my role, I am required to undertake technical reviews of resource consent applications and Notices of Requirement. I also provide advice and subject matter expertise assessments to Council officers on matters relating to archaeology and historic heritage.

Preparation in Accordance with the Code of Conduct: I have read the Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses contained in the Environment Court Practice Note 2023 and have complied with it in preparing this evidence. Other than where I state that I am relying on the advice of another person, this evidence is within my area(s) of expertise. I have not omitted to consider material facts known to me that might alter or detract from the opinions that I express.

Date: 21 May 2026

1.0 APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

Application and property details

Fast-Track project name: Hunua Quarry Expansion

Fast-Track application number: FTAA-2603-1185 (Council Reference BUN60464053)

Site address: 489 Hunua Road, Hunua

2.0 Documents Reviewed

Assessment of Environmental Effects and Application for Resource Consent. Prepared by Boffa Miskell for Winstone Aggregates. March 2026. (AEE)

Proposed Hunua Quarry Development: Archaeological Assessment. Prepared by Clough and Associates for Winstone Aggregates. February 2026.

Archaeological Management Plan: Hunua Quarry, Auckland. Prepared by Clough and Associates for Winstone Aggregates. March 2026.

Archaeological Authority. Prepared by Boffa Miskell for Winstone Aggregates. April 2026.

3.0 Specialist Assessment

The proposed works, as described in the application and supporting documents, will not impact any scheduled historic heritage sites in Schedule 14.1 (Schedule of Historic Heritage) in the Auckland Unitary Plan, nor any recorded unscheduled archaeological or historic heritage sites.

For this specific application, the Cultural Heritage Implementation Team believe that appropriate mitigation for the effects of the proposed works on unscheduled archaeological sites are managed by the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014. We note that the applicants have applied for an Archaeological Authority under the FTAA Act and have provided Archaeological Authority conditions. We are supportive of these conditions.

In instances where an Archaeological Authority is not in place or does not apply to the works in question, there is the potential for further unrecorded archaeological material or historic heritage sites to be impacted by the proposed works. This risk can effectively be managed through adherence to the Auckland Unitary Plan Accidental Discovery Rule (E11.6.1, E12.6.1). I note that the applicant has offered a condition to this effect and we are supportive of this condition.

4.0 Recommendation

Should the Expert Panel choose to grant this application I support the conditions proposed in the archaeological assessment, archaeological management plan, and the archaeological authority. These will provide effective management for the effects on unrecorded archaeological material.

**5.0 Proposed Conditions, comments and suggestions
(based on condition set provided 19/05/2026)**

Condition

84	Archaeological Accidental Discovery Protocol Any Earthworks undertaken during Stages 4 – 8 of the Project that results in the discovery of any archaeological material, including any artefact, kōiwi (human remains), or taonga, must be managed either: (a) in compliance with the accidental discovery protocols set out in E11 Land Disturbance – Regional, Accidental Discovery Rule E11.6.1 and E12 Land Disturbance – District Accidental, Discovery Rule E12.6.1 of the AUP; or (b) in accordance with an Archaeological Authority issued by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga covering these stages. Advice note: Earthworks undertaken during Stages 1 – 3 are to be managed in accordance with the Archaeological Authority issued by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.
Comment or suggestion	In support.
	PART H – ARCHAEOLOGICAL AUTHORITY CONDITIONS (Not reproduced for length)
Comment or suggestion	In support. We appreciate the addition of final reporting supplied to Auckland Council Heritage Unit as an Advice Note.