BEFORE THE PANEL CONVENER

Application: FTAA-2607-1262

IN THE MATTER of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA)

AND

IN THE MATTER of an Application by Winstone Aggregates Limited under section 42 of the FTAA for the Belmont Quarry Development

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MEMORANDUM OF HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA IN RESPONSE TO MINUTE 3 OF THE PANEL CONVENER

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Introduction

1 This memorandum is filed on behalf of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) in response to the Minute of the Panel Convener dated 19 October 2026 (Minute) in respect of the Belmont Quarry Development (Project).

2 The Minute refers to an upcoming conference to gather participant views that will inform decisions of the Convener regarding:

a) the appointment of panel members,

b) the timing of the panel decision.

3 This memorandum addresses the matters identified within the Minute relevant to the archaeological authority application to assist with those decisions.

Matters relevant to timeframe

Approvals and Complexity

4 The approvals being sought for this Project that require consideration and recommendation by HNZPT are:

a) an archaeological authority, which would otherwise be applied for under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 (section 42(4)(i)); and

b) approval for a person to undertake the activity pursuant to that archaeological authority (section 42(9)(b)).

5 HNZPT considers that the archaeological authority application is of low complexity.

Information sufficiency

6 On 22 September 2026, HNZPT was directed to prepare a Report pursuant to section 51 of the FTAA.

7 To inform the section 51 Report, the application includes:

- B.11 Archaeological Assessment
- D Archaeological Authority Application
- D.1 Archaeological Management Plan
- D.2 Proposed Archaeological Authority Conditions
- D.3 Archaeology letter

8 In addition, the Applicant engaged with HNZPT in July to seek feedback on its draft assessment and approach to the archaeological authority application.

9 HNZPT has not yet completed a thorough review of the documentation, but can confirm that there are no gaps in the information provided. The documents listed above are sufficient to complete our recommendations in the section 51 Report, in respect of both approvals sought.

10 The proposed conditions will need some amendment and HNZPT will reach out directly to the Applicant in order to progress these and hopefully present an agreed set of conditions to the Panel for consideration.

11 HNZPT will discuss any other matters relating to the archaeological authority directly with the Applicant and its consultants if required. HNZPT anticipates these discussions can be undertaken soon and will not add any delay to preparing its section 51 Report and recommendation.

Panel Membership

12 Taking all of the above into consideration, HNZPT does not consider there to be any requirement for a person with archaeological knowledge and experience to be a Panel member.

13 In respect of HNZPT's interests, it does not consider there is any requirement to appoint any additional Panel members, however HNZPT recognises that there may be a requirement to do so in relation to other matters.

Procedural Requirements

14 In respect of procedural requirements, HNZPT:

a) is willing to engage directly with both the Applicant and Panel where required to advance the application;

b) does not anticipate the need for expert conferencing or wānanga in relation to the archaeological authority; and

c) HNZPT confirms that the section 51 Report will be provided within the 10 day period after the Panel invites comments under section 53 of the FTAA.



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