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Dear Stephen,

Thank you for the invitation to comment on Graymont NZ Limited's Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA) substantive application for the Oparure Quarry South-Western Pit (FTAA-2606-1251).

I broadly support projects that deliver significant regional or national benefits, including the Oparure Quarry South-Western Pit. The proposal would help secure a long-term domestic supply of limestone in New Zealand and may avoid increased emissions from vehicle movements if lime products would otherwise be sourced from more distant suppliers or imported.

Yours sincerely,

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