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Tēnā koe,

Invitation to comment on the Oparure Quarry South-Western Pit project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the **Oparure Quarry South-Western Pit** project under section 53 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

I support the application subject to any comments received from the relevant Māori groups identified in both the section 18 report, and in the Expert Panel's Minute, particularly Te Nehenehenui Trust and Ōpārure Marae. I note the technical matters previously raised by the Trust and their request that a condition of approval provide for their involvement in the Quarry Closure/Rehabilitation Plan.

I also encourage the Expert Panel to have due regard to the relevant Treaty settlement legislation and associated documents and arrangements identified in the section 18 report, including the statutory acknowledgement provisions, Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato, the Maniapoto Environmental Management Plan and the Joint Management Agreement, when considering the application.

Nāku noa, nā

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