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Penny Nelson
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Dear Penny,

Thank you for the invitation to comment on Winstone Aggregates' Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, land exchange application for the Belmont Quarry Development project. I am responding in my capacity as Minister for Infrastructure.

This project will deliver long-term benefits by providing a local source of the aggregate materials that are essential for Wellington's growth, supporting housing, construction, and infrastructure.

While I do not have any comments on the land exchange application itself, projects like the Belmont Quarry Development project are critical for the economic growth of New Zealand, and I would encourage that the engagement between the Department of Conservation and Winstone Aggregates continues.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Bishop'.

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister for Infrastructure