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Section 1: Project location

Site address or location

Add the address or describe the location:

s 9(2)(b)(ii)

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Do you have a current copy of the relevant Record(s) of Title?

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Who are the registered legal land owner(s)?

Please write your answer here:

Hunua Quarry is owned by Winstone's parent company Fletcher Concrete and Infrastructure Ltd.

Detail the nature of the applicant's legal interest (if any) in the land on which the project will occur

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Section 2: Project details

What is the project name?

Please write your answer here:

Hunua Quarry Development

What is the project summary?

Please write your answer here:

The Hunua Quarry Development by Winstone Aggregates seeks to expand quarry operations, increasing production to meet Auckland's infrastructure needs, and extend the quarry's lifespan by up to **s 9(2)(b)(ii)**

What are the project details?

Please write your answer here:

Accelerating securing the necessary approvals for access to additional resource, within the current quarry ownership boundaries, is urgently needed to unlock existing rock/aggregate resource. Using the existing consenting framework would take 5+ years, with larger risk and likely that less resource is approved via resource consent process.

The proposed new aggregate resource occurs within the Winstone Aggregates owned land, it minimises the external growth and will extend the life of the quarry for potentially **s 9(2)(b)** years.

With certainty that the required resource consents can be secured, Winstone would invest significant amounts into the future growth of the quarry, with an estimated **s 9(2)(b)(ii)** over the extended period.

Please see the attached document for more detail.

Describe the staging of the project, including the nature and timing of the staging

Please write your answer here:

Please see the attached document for more detail.

What are the details of the regime under which approval is being sought?

Please write your answer here:

Local Government Act 2002 - Resource Consents
Resource Management Act 1991
Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014
Land Transfer Act 2017
Wildlife Act 1953

If you seeking approval under the Resource Management Act, who are the relevant local authorities?

Please write your answer here:

Auckland Council

What applications have you already made for approvals on the same or a similar project?

Please write your answer here:

There are no applications with Auckland Council for the project and/or activity.

Is approval required for the project by someone other than the applicant?

No

Please explain your answer here:

Please see the attached document for more detail.

If the approval(s) are granted, when do you anticipate construction activities will begin, and be completed?

Please write your answer here:

Please see the attached document for more detail.

Section 3: Consultation

Who are the persons affected by the project?

Please write your answer here:

Relevant local authorities

- Auckland Council

Relevant iwi authorities

- Ngai Tai ki Tamaki
- Ngati Manuhiri
- Ngati Maru
- Ngati Te Ata
- Ngatiwai
- Ngati Whatua o Kaipara
- Ngati Whatua Orakei
- Te Akitai Waiohua

Protected customary rights groups

N/A

Customary marine title groups

N/A

Applicant groups under the Marine and Coastal (Takutai Moana) Act 2011

N/A

Ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou

N/A

Any person with a registered interest in land that may need to be acquired under the Public Works Act 1981.

N/A

Detail all consultation undertaken with the persons referred to above. Include a statement explaining how engagement has informed the project.

Please write your answer here:

Please see the attached document for more detail.

Winstones has strong relationships and partnerships with multiple mana whenua whenua dating back 20 years. As part of the works programme for the site a number of discussions have been held with mana whenua.

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Describe any processes already undertaken under the Public Works Act 1981 in relation to the land or any part of the land on which the project will occur:

Please write your answer here:

No process undertaken under the PWA81 are currently anticipated by the proposal.

Section 4: Iwi authorities and Treaty settlements

What treaty settlements apply to the geographical location of the project?

Please write your answer here:

There are no known Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi) Settlements on the subject site or surrounding land.

Are there any Ngā Rohe Moana o Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Porou Act 2019 principles or provisions that are relevant to the project?

No

If yes, what are they?:

Are there any identified parcels of Māori land within the project area, marae, and identified wāhi tapu?

No

If yes, what are they?:

Is the project proposed on any land returned under a Treaty settlement or any identified Māori land described in the ineligibility criteria?

No

Has the applicant has secured the relevant landowners' consent?

No

Is the project proposed in any customary marine title area, protected customary rights area, or aquaculture settlement area declared under s 12 of the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004 or identified within an individual iwi settlement?

No

If yes, what are they?:

Has there been an assessment of any effects of the activity on the exercise of a protected customary right?

No

If yes, please explain:

Upload your assessment if necessary:

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Section 5: Adverse effects

What are the anticipated and known adverse effects of the project on the environment?

Please describe:

Please refer to the attached document for further information.

Resource consent would be sought from Auckland Council for various activities under the Natural Environmental Standard for Freshwater and National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity. It is anticipated that the consents required would include: (but not limited to) water permits for diversion and taking of water; discharge consents to water and to air; land use consent for works within rivers and wetlands; and land use consent for bulk earthworks and cleanfilling. A duration of a minimum of 35 years would be sought for those regional consents.

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Section 6: National policy statements and national environmental standards

What is the general assessment of the project in relation to any relevant national policy statement (including the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement) and national environmental standard?

Please write your answer here:

Please refer to the attached document for further information.

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Section 7: Eligibility

Will access to the fast-track process enable the project to be processed in a more timely and cost-efficient way than under normal processes?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

Prioritising the quarry's growth through the fast-track process would underscore the urgent need to secure a sustainable aggregate supply for Auckland, directly contributing to key regionally and nationally significant infrastructure projects. Accelerating securing the necessary approvals for access to additional resource, within the current quarry ownership boundaries, is urgently needed to unlock existing rock/aggregate resource. Using the existing consenting framework would take 5+ years, with larger risk and likely that less resource is approved via resource consent process.

What is the impact referring this project will have on the efficient operation of the fast-track process?

Please write your answer here:

Referring the proposed expansion of Hunua Quarry would support the efficient operation of the fast-track process. The project is regionally significant, shovel-ready and anticipated effects can be adequately addressed.

Has the project been identified as a priority project in a:

Central government infrastructure priority list

Please explain your answer here:

Central Government has been clear on the strategic importance quarries play in contributing to the building of regionally and nationally important infrastructure. Central Government has noted that consecutive past governments have promised to create a less restrictive regime for quarrying but very few, if any, have delivered.

Will the project deliver regionally or nationally significant infrastructure?

National significant infrastructure

Please explain your answer here:

The draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS) 2024 outlines the strategic direction for New Zealand's transport network, focusing on enhancing economic growth and productivity, resilience, and safety while ensuring value for money in transport investments. It guides expenditure from the National Land Transport Fund and influences regional and national transport planning.

The GPS emphasises the government's commitment to both new and improved infrastructure projects and the maintenance of existing transport networks. As part of this strategic approach, the GPS identifies a suite of significant projects in the Auckland region, each of which is expected to contribute to the overarching goals of the GPS. These projects are:

- City Rail Link
- North West Alternative State Highway
- Second Waitematā Harbour Connections
- Ō Mahurangi Penlink
- South Auckland package
- SH1 Papakura to Drury
- East West link
- Mill Road
- Eastern Busway
- Airport to Botany
- Northwest Rapid Transit
- Warkworth to Wellsford

Collectively, these 12 key projects in Auckland will create substantial demand for aggregates, necessary for construction and infrastructure development. The successful execution of these projects will rely on the continuous and efficient supply of high-quality aggregates to meet the extensive construction needs, from concrete production to roading materials. The GPS not only ensures the strategic alignment of transport investment but also indirectly influences related industries, such as quarrying and aggregate production, that are vital for the materialisation of these transport initiatives.

Will the project:

increase the supply of housing, address housing needs, contribute to a well-functioning urban environment

Please explain your answer here:

Increase the Supply of Housing: New Zealand's demand for aggregate is high, with each person using 9 tonnes annually. To construct an average house, about 250 tonnes of aggregate are required. The Hunua Quarry Development will ensure a steady supply of essential materials, which are crucial for building homes, infrastructure, and other urban developments in Auckland.

Address Housing Needs: Aggregate is indispensable in construction, being a key component in concrete, asphalt, mortar, and other building products. By maintaining a reliable local supply, Hunua Quarry Development directly supports Auckland's housing needs. This is particularly significant as New Zealand is one of the highest aggregate consumers globally, with each person using about 9 tonnes annually.

Contribute to a Well-Functioning Urban Environment: Quarries should ideally be located close to where materials are used, to keep costs down and

minimise emissions. The Hunua Quarry Development will maintain a local supply of aggregate for Auckland's urban environment, contributing to efficient construction practices and reduced transportation emissions, which is vital for creating sustainable and functional cities.

Will the project deliver significant economic benefits?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

The Hunua Quarry expansion proposal by Winstone Aggregates is strategically positioned to address the critical shortage of aggregate in Auckland, which is indispensable for the region's extensive infrastructure development and overall economic growth.

Hunua Quarry's current output comprises nearly one third of Auckland's total aggregate production, making it a key player in the region's construction material supply chain. However, Auckland's aggregate market is facing a severe deficit, exacerbated by the lack of new quarry developments and the limited expansion of existing operations. Currently, the region imports about 4.5 million tonnes of aggregate annually, primarily from Northland and Waikato, which incurs significant transportation costs and environmental impacts.

The proposed expansion aims to significantly enhance the quarry's production capacity from **s 9(2)(b)(ii)** This increase is critical to prevent the quarry from reaching its existing capacity limits within the next decade and worsening the regional supply shortfall. By increasing local production, the project will decrease Auckland's reliance on costly imported aggregates. This shift will not only stabilise prices by reducing the economic costs associated with transportation but also align with environmental sustainability goals by minimising carbon emissions from transport activities.

The expansion is projected to substantially reduce transportation distances for aggregate delivery within the region, thereby decreasing the associated costs and environmental impacts. These savings are crucial for enhancing the cost-efficiency of construction projects across Auckland, contributing to more sustainable urban development.

The expansion will also involve an estimated capital investment of over **s 9(2)(b)(ii)** into the local economy over the quarry's operational life. This investment is expected to create direct employment opportunities at the quarry and stimulate further economic activity across related sectors such as logistics, machinery maintenance, and construction services.

Will the project support primary industries, including aquaculture?

No

Please explain your answer here:

Will the project support development of natural resources, including minerals and petroleum?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

Hunua Quarry is one of only three major producers of aggregate in the Auckland area. The quarry is therefore regionally significant and retaining access to the resource for coming decades is essential.

Will the project support climate change mitigation, including the reduction or removal of greenhouse gas emissions?

No

Please explain your answer here:

Will the project support adaptation, resilience, and recovery from natural hazards?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

Aggregate is a key part of the Auckland region's preparedness for natural hazard events and approach to climate change, whether it is coastal protection or rebuilding as a result of slips, flooding, or building more resilient cycling/transport infrastructure. The importance of aggregate in increasing the region's resilience is high.

Will the project address significant environmental issues?

No

Please explain your answer here:

Is the project consistent with local or regional planning documents, including spatial strategies?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

Hunua Quarry is one of the few areas zoned for quarrying in the Auckland Unitary Plan. The project aligns with regional planning documents by prioritising the use of existing quarries over developing new greenfield sites. This approach minimises environmental impact and aligns with local

strategies to efficiently utilise current resources while meeting Auckland's infrastructure and development needs.

Anything else?

Please write your answer here:

Does the project includes an activity which would make it ineligible?

No

If yes, please explain:

Section 8: Climate change and natural hazards

Will the project be affected by climate change and natural hazards?

No

If yes, please explain:

Section 9: Track record

Please add a summary of all compliance and/or enforcement actions taken against the applicant by any entity with enforcement powers under the Acts referred to in the Bill, and the outcome of those actions.

Please write your answer here:

Winstone Aggregates has been operating in New Zealand for 150+ years and has an excellent compliance record across its eleven extractive quarries, two Joint venture quarries with our partners, four clean fills, six labs and a fleet of 80 bulk trucks. We are the trusted aggregates solution partner for the concrete, roading, rail, and other infrastructure industries.

Winstone has not, within the last 30 years in which records have been kept, been subject to enforcement actions.

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Declaration

Do you acknowledge your submission will be published on environment.govt.nz if required

Yes

By typing your name in the field below you are electronically signing this application form and certifying the information given in this application is true and correct.

Please write your name here:

Phil Heffernan

Important notes