

BRF-2932

Jim Stabback
Chief Executive Officer
Auckland Council
Email: s 9(2)(a)

Dear Jim Stabback

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Brookby Quarry Stage 3 Project and Kings Quarry Project

The Minister for the Environment (Minister) has received applications to refer the following two projects to an expert consenting panel (panel) for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA):

1. Brookby Quarry Stage 3 Project – from Brookby Quarries Limited
2. Kings Quarry Project – from Kings Quarry Limited

The projects are described in Appendix A and the application documents are in Attachments 1 and 2.

Under delegated authority from the Minister and pursuant to section 21(2) of the FTCA, I invite Auckland Council to provide written comments on the referral applications. A template is provided for this purpose in Attachment 2. Comment is sought on the specific matters outlined in the table below, and on any other matter you consider relevant to the Minister's decision on whether or not to accept the applications.

Specific questions on the application
Brookby Quarry Stage 3 Project: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Are there any reasons that you consider it more appropriate for the project, or part of the project, to proceed through existing Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) consenting processes rather than the processes in the FTCA?2. Does the applicant, or a company owned by the applicant, have any environmental regulatory compliance history in your region?
Kings Quarry Project: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Are there any reasons that you consider it more appropriate for the project, or part of the project, to proceed through existing Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) consenting processes rather than the processes in the FTCA?

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| 2. Does the applicant, or a company owned by the applicant, have any environmental regulatory compliance history in your region? |
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The above information is provided to you in confidence and as part of the statutory process set out in the FTCA. Please do not forward the applications or request for comments to anyone outside your organisation.

If the Minister accepts the applications and the projects are referred to a panel, Auckland Council will have the opportunity to nominate a local authority representative (who could be a councillor or independent hearings commissioner) to sit on the panel and determine the RMA approvals for the projects. The applicants will provide a detailed assessment of environmental effects and cultural impact assessments at this stage and the council will have the opportunity to provide further comments to the panels.

Please provide comments via return email within 10 working days to ensure that the Minister takes them into consideration when making his decisions. Note that the Minister is not required to consider any comments provided after this time.

If it is more efficient for you to discuss the applications, please contact the Ministry for the Environment's Fast-track Consenting Team at fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely



Rebecca Perrett
Acting Manager, Fast-track Consenting Team

Appendix:

- A. Details of proposed projects

Attachments:

- 1. Application to refer the Brookby Quarry Stage 3 Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link)
- 2. Application to refer the Kings Quarry Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link)
- 3. Response template for written comments

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Appendix A – Details of proposed projects

Projects	Applicants	Details
Kings Quarry Project	Kings Quarry Limited	<p>The project is to expand the existing Kings Quarry operation at Pebble Brook Road, Wainui, Auckland approximately 10 kilometres west of State Highway 1. The project will include the extraction of approximately 500,000 tonnes of aggregate per year for a period of 60 years, stockpiling and processing aggregate on site, constructing infrastructure including a new access from Pebble Brook Road, upgrading the Pebble Brook Road/Waitoki Road intersection, and constructing structures associated with quarry operations.</p> <p>The project will involve activities such as clearing vegetation, removing and stockpiling aggregate, taking, diverting and discharging groundwater to land, discharging stormwater to land, reclaiming streams, constructing and installing infrastructure including vehicle access.</p>
Brookby Quarry Stage 3Project	Brookby Quarries Limited	<p>The is to expand the existing Brookby Quarry operation over approximately 52 hectares at 134 Kimptons Road and 271 & 275 Ara Kotinga Road, Brookby, Auckland. The project will include the extraction of approximately 110 million tonnes of aggregate over a period of 60 years, stockpiling and processing aggregate on site, constructing infrastructure and structures associated with quarry operations, reclaiming permanent and intermittent watercourses and undertaking ecological enhancement.</p> <p>The project will involve activities such as clearing vegetation, removing and stockpiling aggregate, taking, diverting and discharging groundwater to land, discharging stormwater to land, discharging dust to air, reclaiming streams, constructing and installing infrastructure and structures, restoring and enhancing watercourses.</p>