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Dear Mark Lambert

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 purpose of the FTCA is to promote employment to support New Zealand's recovery from the economic and social impacts of COVID-19 and to support certainty of investment while continuing to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

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

Auckland Transport may have an interest in the projects because they may have an impact on the local road network. Under delegated authority from the Minister and pursuant to section 21(3) of the FTCA, I invite Auckland Transport's written comments on the referral applications. A template is provided for this purpose in Attachment 2.

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, the applicants will be able to lodge applications with the Environmental Protection Authority for the approvals needed under the Resource Management Act 1991. The applicants must provide detailed assessments of environmental effects and cultural impact assessment(s) as part of this process.

Please provide comments via return email within 10 working days to ensure that the Minister takes them into consideration when deciding whether or not to accept the referral applications. Note that the Minister is not required to consider any comments provided after this time.

If you would like more information about the fast-track consenting process, or 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



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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 in covering email)
3. Response template for written comments

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Appendix A - Proposed project

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 3 Project	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>