



BRF-3076

Kings Quarry Limited
c/- Nick Roberts
Managing Director
Barker and Associates Limited
s 9(2)(a)

Dear Nick Roberts

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Notice of Decisions (Section 25) – Kings Quarry Project

Thank you for Kings Quarry Limited's application under section 20 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA) seeking referral of the Kings Quarry Project (project) to an expert consenting panel (panel) for consideration under the FTCA.

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 extraction of approximately 500,000 tonnes of aggregate per year for a period of 60 years, stockpiling and processing aggregate on site, constructing a vehicle access point at the intersection with Pebble Brook Road, internal vehicle access and haul roads, and infrastructure and structures associated with quarry operations and reclaiming permanent and intermittent watercourses and undertaking ecological enhancement.

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 the certainty of ongoing investment across New Zealand, while continuing to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

I can only refer the project to a panel for consideration under the FTCA if it meets the referral criteria in section 18 of the FTCA, which includes me being satisfied the project will help achieve the FTCA's purpose.

I have decided the project meets the referral criteria in section 18 of the FTCA and I consider it will help to achieve the FTCA's purpose as it has the potential to:

1. generate employment by creating 22 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs and enabling employment in the construction sector
2. facilitate construction, including construction of infrastructure, in the Auckland region

3. progress faster than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 process.

Any actual and potential effects arising from the project, together with any measures to avoid, remedy, mitigate, offset or compensate for adverse effects, could be tested by a panel against Part 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991 and the purpose of the FTCA (section 4 and clause 31 Schedule 6).

Accordingly, I have decided to accept your application for referral under section 24(2) of the FTCA and refer all of the project to a panel.

Information required to be submitted with your resource consent applications

In accordance with section 24(2)(d) of the FTCA, I have also decided that you must provide the following information with any resource consent application for the project lodged with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) under clause 2 Schedule 6:

1. details of proposed offsetting and compensation measures to address adverse effects on ecological and freshwater values, including details of any discussions held and/or agreements made between the applicant and any relevant parties regarding ecological offsetting and compensation.

I draw your attention to clause 14 Schedule 6 of the FTCA that details that the above information must be provided in sufficient detail to correspond to the scale and significance of effects. You should therefore provide what you believe is a reasonable level of information, and if a panel requires further information, they can seek it from you under clause 25 Schedule 6 of the FTCA.

This information will inform a panel's assessment of the proposal's effects and whether to invite comment from persons or groups in addition to those specified in clause 17 Schedule 6 of the FTCA. This does not preclude a panel from requiring you to provide any additional information on any application lodged with the EPA under the FTCA.

Persons or groups a panel must invite comments from

In accordance with section 24(2)(e) of the FTCA, I have also decided that a panel must invite comments on any resource consent application for the project lodged with the EPA from the following persons or groups additional to those specified in clause 17 Schedule 6 of the FTCA:

1. Minister for Building and Construction
2. Auckland Transport
3. Te Ahiwaru Trust (formerly Makaurau Marae Māori Trust)
4. Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust
5. Ngāti Pāoa Iwi Trust
6. Ngāti Pāoa Trust Board
7. Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust Board
8. Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trustee Limited
9. Ngātiwai Trust.

This will allow those parties the opportunity to have input into the consideration of the application and enable a panel to better understand the potential effects of the proposal.

These directions do not preclude a panel from inviting any other parties to comment on any application lodged with the EPA under the FTCA.

I will progress an Order in Council through the Executive Council for the project. The wording of the referral order may vary slightly from the statements and directions included in this letter, due to legal drafting requirements.

Once this Order is made you will be able to lodge your applications for resource consent with the EPA for a decision by a panel. The decision to approve or decline the resource consents is a matter for the panel appointed by the Panel Convener Judge L J Newhook. You should not take my decision to refer the project as an indication or direction that the determination of those approvals will be successful. Additionally, my decision does not in any way endorse any related planning decisions that may affect the project.

Please do not publicly release my decision or this notice until the Order in Council for this project has been approved by Cabinet and notified in the New Zealand Gazette.

The FTCA requires that:

1. I provide a copy of my decisions to the persons, entities and groups specified in section 25(1) and (2) of the FTCA
2. My decisions, the reasons for them, and the Section 17 Report will be published on the Ministry for the Environment's website in accordance with section 25(3) of the FTCA.

I have also decided to provide a copy of this decision to the following parties who are additional to those specified in the FTCA:

1. Te Ahiwaru Trust (formerly Makaurau Marae Māori Trust)
2. Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust
3. Ngāti Pāoa Iwi Trust
4. Ngāti Pāoa Trust Board
5. Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust Board
6. Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trustee Limited
7. Ngātiwai Trust.

Please contact the Fast-track Consenting Team at the Ministry for the Environment (fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz) if you have any questions or wish to discuss this decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker', is positioned above the printed name.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

cc Relevant Ministers of/for portfolios specified in section 21(6)(a)–(m) of the FTCA:

Arts, Culture, and Heritage; Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti; Housing; Infrastructure; Education; Transport; Land Information; Defence; Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations; Local Government; Conservation; and Climate Change

Additional relevant Ministers:

Minister for Building and Construction

Local authority:

Auckland Council

Other parties:

Auckland Transport
Te Ahiwaru Trust (formerly Makaurau Marae Māori Trust)
Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust
Ngāti Pāoa Iwi Trust
Ngāti Pāoa Trust Board
Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust Board
Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trustee Limited
Ngātiwai Trust

Relevant iwi authorities and Treaty settlement entities:

Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust
Te Kawerau Iwi Settlement Trust
Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki Trust
Te Ākitai Waiohua Iwi Authority
Te Ākitai Waiohua Settlement Trust
Ngāti Maru Rūnanga Trust
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua
Te Ara Rangatu o Te Iwi o Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua

Environmental Protection Authority

The Panel Convener