

ONSLOW RESIDENTS' COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Submission on the Proposed District Plan Change 83: Kiwi Point Quarry

Onslow Resident's Community Association represents the interests of residents in Khandallah, Broadmeadows and Kaiwharawhara. In respect to the Wellington City Council seeking to change the District Plan 83 to allow maximum expansion of the Kiwi Point Quarry – our response reflects our concern that the residents in our area are adversely impacted by the new extension of operations.

As the Council makes their decision, which we know is in the wider interests of the city, we would like them to reflect on the lives of the residents who live in properties adjoining the quarry and who were aware that the life of the quarry was limited and drawing to a close. They will now be subjected to the impacts of 20 more years of quarrying on this site. This means constantly cleaning up dirt and dust that arrives on their property from quarrying operations. The mitigations promised in the proposed quarrying management plan will not be enough to halt the dust when Wellington turns on her gale force winds. The vibrations, from quarrying operations as well as intermittent blasting are something they will have to learn to live with. The worry about microcracks and the damage to their homes as a result of these vibrations are very real to them. The constant noise of quarrying operations is also a factor for those that live in the Shastri, Gurkha, Maldives and Imran. With these in mind, we would like the Council to be ever aware of ways to mitigate these constant irritants in their lives and to be ever vigilant to ensure that Holcim manages the plan to letter. It is really important that the Council when approving the mitigations does not put cost over of the quality of life of these residents.

We would like to thank Logen Logeswaren and Soon Teck Kong for their time in talking with us about the extension and their work in making sure the rights of the residents are included in the new plan.

Onslow Residents Community Association gives qualified support to the proposed District Plan changes as follows:

- Rezone an area on the southern side of the quarry from Space B to Business 2

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- Introduce a new controlled activity rule that applies to the rezoned southern face expansion area (resource consent standard)
- Make a range of other consequential changes to the District Plan including performance standards, explanatory text, and rezoning on Planning maps 22 and 23

Our conditional support is given on the basis that:

- noise level standards set out in the District Plan are applied to the Quarry Management Plan and are adhered to and rigorously monitored by Council officials.
- dust levels are monitored regularly by council officials and methods of dust minimisation such as the use of water and 'vitabond' – Matt Sonewall – are used to reduce the dust nuisance beyond the quarry. Cost should not be a consideration in this respect.
- if dust in residents homes is more than should be expected for someone to have to clean up, Council will pay for the dust to be removed/cleaned from their homes.
- modern methods of blasting working faces must result in minimal vibration. Small sequenced explosions should be used rather than single large blasts.
- Council benchmarks the homes of residents and does regular checks to ensure that the vibrations and blasting from quarry operations do not negatively impact the safety of the property. Any negative impacts on their homes, such as cracking, are fixed at Council cost.
- hours of operation as set out in the Management Plan are strictly adhered to.
- residential areas are protected by buffers such as fast growing vegetation
- a gap of at least 70 m is maintained between residential boundaries and the first batter area of excavation but we would prefer 100m.

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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. We will also be sharing this submission with the residents in the affected areas as well as in ORCA's communications with our members.

Please feel free to contact our association on this email or by phone over this submission.

Yours sincerely

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