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Consents Hearings
Environment Canterbury
P O Box 345
Christchurch 8140

To whom it may concern

RE: SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF FULTON HOGAN LIMITED'S PROPOSED ROYDON QUARRY

The Aggregate and Quarry Association (AQA) is the industry body representing construction material companies.

AQA members produce in the vicinity of 45 million tonnes of aggregate, limestone and allied products a year.

Our members produce the aggregates which form the foundation (and many walls) of almost every building across our nation as well as most of our roads. Quarries also supply allied raw materials such as limestone, which help keep our farms productive.

The AQA represents aggregate suppliers on all manner of industry, government, health and safety, technical and other issues.

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Name of Applicant:

Fulton Hogan Limited.

We **support** all of the applications to Environment Canterbury and Selwyn District Council as listed below:

Applications to Environment Canterbury:

- CRC192408 Land use to excavate material
- CRC182409 Land use to deposit cleanfill
- RC192410 Discharge contaminants into air
- CRC192411 Discharge contaminants into water from industrial processes
- CRC192412 Discharge stormwater into land
- CRC192413 Discharge contaminants into land associated with deposition of cleanfill
- CRC192414 Water permit

Application to Selwyn District Council:

- RC185627 Land use for gravel extraction and processes

We wish to be heard in support of our submission.

If others make a similar submission, we will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

The reasons for making this submission are:

The proposed Roydon Quarry will provide a continued supply of aggregate to the Christchurch construction market. Christchurch needs to secure supply of quarry materials to provide affordable housing and infrastructure now and for future generations. In order to do this, it is critical that quarry resources are protected and provided for to supply vital construction materials and that quarry land is returned as an asset to the community once extraction is complete.

The quarry will provide for direct employment for on-site staff and indirect employment for numerous other workers within the construction and roading industries including truck drivers, administrative staff and contractors. The proposal promotes community economic wellbeing and the efficient use and development of resources.

Currently, the cost of a tonne of aggregate doubles when it has to travel 30 kilometres from a quarry, with additional costs for each extra kilometre thereafter. By ensuring quarries like Roydon Quarry at Jones Road are close to their markets, transport costs; transport congestion and carbon emissions will be significantly reduced.

Cumulative effects arising from the traffic movements associated with the proposed quarry and existing movements will be readily accommodated by the surrounding road network. The fact that an estimated 90% of the truck movements from the proposed site will go directly to State Highway 1 is beneficial to the current congested traffic flows on the rural and minor roads. Additional positive effects include safety improvements to the Dawsons/Jones Road intersection.

The proposed activity will have considerable positive effects including increased production and transportation of aggregate products to meet demand within Greater Christchurch, while providing for effective site rehabilitation.

Fulton Hogan are a member of our organisation, and like all our members, they are an operator who cares for the environment and the amenity of their neighbours. The proposed building of bunds will enhance the landscape for the site, and it will ensure that noise impacts are mitigated.

The quarry industry currently works collaboratively with local communities and councils to reduce the environmental impacts and meet legal requirements of environmentally sustainable operations, and we believe Fulton Hogan have done so in relation to this application.

The proposed activity is consistent with Part 2 of the RMA and the applicable policy framework of the relevant planning documents.

The AQA seek that the consent authority makes the following decision:

The applications be **granted** subject to appropriate conditions, as proposed by the applicant.

We are not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991.

We are not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that (a) adversely affects the environment; and (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Kind regards



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