CON520: SUBMISSION ON
RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION
(SECTION 95 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991)

TO: Consents Hearings
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OR: submit by completing an on-line form at:


Person(s) /Group /Organisation Making the Submission

Full Name of Submitter(s): Samadhi Buddhist Vihara

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☐ Please tick this box if you do not want to receive any communication via email

Contact Person: Leshika Arachchige

Name of applicant: Fulton Hogan Limited

Applications to Environment Canterbury

☒ All of the applications as listed below OR only those as ticked.

☐ CRC192408  Land use to excavate material
☐ CRC192409  Land use to deposit cleanfill
☐ CRC192410  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

☐ I / We support the application  ☒ I / We oppose the application  ☐ I / We are neutral to the application
  (neither support or oppose)

☐ I / We wish to be heard in support of my/our submission*
  (Note: this means you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing)
*If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing  ☐ Yes  ☑ No

OR

☒ I / We do not wish to be heard in support of my/our submission
  (Note: this means that you cannot speak at the hearing, however you will retain your right to appeal any decision to the
  Environment Court on any decision made by the Council.)
Application to Selwyn District Council

☒ RC185627  Land use for gravel extraction and processes
☐ I / We support the application ☒ I / We oppose the application ☐ I / We are neutral to the application (neither support or oppose)

☐ I do wish to be heard in support of my/our submission*  
(Note: this means you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing)
*If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing  ☐ Yes ☐ No OR
☒ I / We do not wish to be heard in support of my/our submission  
(Note: this means that you cannot speak at the hearing, however you will retain your right to appeal any decision to the Environment Court on any decision made by the Council.)

2. The reasons for making my submission are: (state in summary the nature of your submission, giving reasons)

- I live in Dunedin, but I am a user of the Buddhist temple at Maddisons Road, Rolleston which is situated in the vicinity of the land use site proposed by above application. Over the last 17 years, I am one of the many beneficiaries of the services delivered by this Sri Lankan temple such as meditation, religious, and counselling programmes offered to Buddhists as well as to non-Buddhists. It is the only such temple in the entire South Island. 
- Buddhist temples require quiet and calm environment for its activities. We spent lot of money and effort to transform previously farmland into a peaceful and quiet environment. This environment is currently used by residential and visiting monks, and other devotees, to practice meditation and mindfulness. I am strongly objecting to the proposed Roydon quarry as it completely destroys that environment.
- We are in the process of transforming this temple into a self-contained complex by creating more sites suitable for sitting and walking meditation for short-term and long-term users, building meeting rooms/halls etc, all within rural/vegetation environment, which is essential for mindfulness meditations. All our activities require quietness, calmness, and peacefulness in the environment. We selected current location for this temple for those qualities. Sound, traffic, and dust generated by proposed project will turn that environment into completely opposite. It is not possible to relocate this temple if the proposal goes ahead.
- Proposed quarry is a safety issue for the devotees, not only those from Christchurch but also those coming from various towns in the South Island as far as Invercargill, for its daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly activities. This is in addition to the safety threat for the Christchurch children attending the religious school, mindfulness programme, and language centre of the temple.
- We obtain water for all the activities of the temple using a well. Quality and quantity of this water resource will definitely be affected by the proposed project. This will make us cannot function as a temple in this location anymore.

Please attach additional pages if required

3. I wish the consent authority to make the following decision: (give details, including the general nature of any conditions sought)

Due to above reasons I object to the Roydon Quarry application by Fulton Hogan to Environmental Canterbury and Selwyn District Council, and kindly request it to be rejected.

Please attach additional pages if required

☒ I am 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.

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Leshika Arachchige
(Signature of submitter or duly authorised agent on behalf of submitter)

Date 27 May 2019
Notes to the submitter:

1. The person making this submission must send a copy to the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable after serving Environment Canterbury
2. A list of all submissions received will be provided to the applicant.
3. Please be aware that third parties may request a copy of submissions received and that request is subject to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

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