

CON520: SUBMISSION ON RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION

(SECTION 96 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991)

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FILE: CRC192408, CRC192409, CRC192410,
CRC192411, CRC192412, CRC192413,
CRC192414, RC185627

Closing Date: 5.00pm Thursday 6 June 2019

Person(s) /Group /Organisation Making the Submission

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Name of applicant: **Fulton Hogan Limited**

Applications to Environment Canterbury

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | CRC192408 | Land use to excavate material |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CRC182409 | Land use to deposit cleanfill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CRC192410 | Discharge contaminants into air |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CRC192411 | Discharge contaminants into water from industrial processes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CRC192412 | Discharge stormwater into land |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CRC192413 | Discharge contaminants into land associated with deposition of cleanfill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 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 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.)

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 / We **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)*

We wish to fully support the application for the following reasons|

Employment: The proposed Quarry will provide continued and expanded employment opportunities for staff directly operating the Quarry who actually live, work and spend within this Community. Certainty of employment will foster the necessary confidence for these people to continue to invest in local housing, raise their families and participate in the future of the local surrounding communities.

The Quarry will also continue to provide down-stream employment for users of the Quarry materials such as concrete producers, construction teams, road & residential driveway construction crews etc. along with machinery and equipment providers supplying into the Quarry operation.

Reduced Traffic Flow In Dangerous Areas: The proposed location of the new Quarry will effectively move a major aggregate supplies from locations where travel on secondary roads is the only way or is easier for large truck & trailer units to facilitate delivery to key areas rather than utilising an already crowded sections of State Highway to the extent that currently a large proportion of these are funneled right through the center of Templeton Township. With direct access to the new section of the CSM-2 motorway (a highway specifically designed for the carriage high volume traffic) the necessity for this will be removed and in fact it would actually *take drivers out of their way* to then pass through Templeton Township. The crossing of SH73 at Kirk Rd will also experience a reduction in traffic at an intersection fraught with increasing danger with the expansion of West Melton and other townships to the west increasingly loading this highway with traffic to near maximum capacity.

Continued Supply of Aggregate Close to Market: With the remediation of many areas from the effects of the earthquakes, the current requirement for improved structural foundations not only for buildings but also roading networks, plus the increasing growth in the greater Christchurch Area, the demand for good quality aggregates is at an unprecedented high. Existing quarries are being depleted at rates not envisaged before and it is necessary for responsible aggregate producers to earmark quarry zoned land close to the end users to minimise the environmental & social effects of extended cartage distances (often over secondary roads), the cost of which is always borne by the end user.

Essential Construction Material: Good quality aggregates are essential for all forms of Civil Construction from housing & driveways to the concrete for multi-story buildings and the construction of major arterial routes to ease city congestion. This Quarry will provide a good source of these materials to help support Christchurch, Selwyn and the wider communities in their ongoing development requirements.

Temporary Use of the Land: This Quarry can actually be termed a “temporary use of the land” as the true quarrying activity does have a finite life following which the land can be readily remediated for another use, be it residential, lifestyle, commercial, or recreational. Quarrying is a somewhat unique activity in this regard as other development choices effectively “lock-up” essential building materials making them permanently unavailable to the Region – a massive waste of an essential resource.

Breaking Free of The Quarry Stigma: Whilst it is true in the past that some quarries were noisy and dusty operations run on a shoestring by unscrupulous owners, this is certainly no longer the case for responsible operators who have a long-term stake in the wellbeing of the Community in which they operate. Significant on-going investment in modern quarrying equipment, state of the art dust suppression equipment combined with noise mitigating landscaping and strategic planting ensures that the modern quarry no longer fits that mold and in fact the outward façade of a well-run Quarry actually enhances the view.

Fulton Hogan Ltd. has been in business since 1933 and has the financial resources to ensure that the proposed Quarry is well founded from the start! This should give concerned people the confidence that they aren't a “fly by night” operator who will create chaos then just disappear. Fulton Hogan are here for the long haul and as such cannot afford to treat either the people or the environment, in which they also live and work, in a cavalier manner and from their long successful history – have not done so.

Consents, Regulations & Regulators: Associated with this proposed Quarry are a series of Operating Consents and Regulations developed by knowledgeable, experienced experts in their fields to ensure the effects of the Quarry

