

**IN THE MATTER OF
AND**

The Resource Management Act 1991

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Applications CRC192408, CRC92409
CRC192410, CRC192411, CRC192412
CRC192413 and CRC192414 to the
Canterbury Regional Council and
Application RC185627 to the Selwyn District
Court by Fulton Hogan Limited to establish a
quarry operation at 107 Dawsons Road and
220 Jones Road

**STATEMENT TO THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONERS FROM MIKE MORA,
CHAIRPERSON, WAIPUNA/HALSWELL-HORNBY-RICCARTON COMMUNITY
BOARD**

DATED 3 DECEMBER 2019

TABLED AT HEARING

Application:

Date: *3rd Dec*

Kia ora and good morning

Thank you for the opportunity to address you today and thank you for taking the time to read our submission.

We, the Waipuna/Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board are responsible for the Council's submission in this matter.

I address you as Chairperson on behalf of the Community Board.

The Community Board is made up of individuals elected by local people and has a role to advocate and represent the interests of these constituents.

The Board has been following developments closely for the past two or more years and has heard regularly from concerned residents and others in the Templeton and Yaldhurst areas.

Specifically, as in our submission, the Board are concerned around:

- i. Amenity values;
- ii. Impacts on the proposed cemetery;
- iii. Community concerns; and
- iv. Impact on Christchurch City rates

Amenity Values

Many people made a conscious decision to move, live or conduct business in the Templeton area, specifically due to its country feel.

They appreciate the village lifestyle that it affords and they value the peace and quiet of their surroundings.

We have heard from people again and again that they did not invest their hard earned savings to live next door to a quarry – particularly a large quarry that will be active for decades to come and where, it is proposed will be operated 24/7.

If the proposed quarry is to go ahead, I am fearful that it will ruin the lifestyles and investment choices made by a significant number of residents - they don't want that, nor do we as a Community Board.

Be in no doubt we are not talking about a large block of flats or intensification, that changes the feel of an area – we are talking about an industrial work site that undermines the tranquil lifestyle consciously chosen by so many.

With potentially 1,200 trucks rolling in and out each day for the next 40 years, there will be noise and potential health effects from dust if the quarry goes ahead – in my opinion, the quiet rural existence in the local area will be destroyed.

Impact on the Proposed Cemetery

Cemeteries, by their very nature, are sacred spaces.

They are places of contemplation, peace and quiet.

They are places where families come to spend time with their loved ones to reflect and remember.

They are not places where nearby intensive industrial related activity is at all compatible.

The constant banging and clanging of heavy machinery, the rumbles of large trucks passing by and the likely ongoing presence of dust in the air will undermine the atmosphere of meditation and mourning that are required, and which is so very valuable at a cemetery.

Community Concerns

The Board and I have a role to advocate on behalf of their communities.

For more than two years we have heard regularly from people that they are very very concerned that, should the proposed quarry go ahead, it will affect their house values, the quality of their water and the quality of their health.

Silica dust is known to cause scar tissue in the lungs and over time, reduces the ability for oxygen to enter the bloodstream.

This affects both human health, the health of animals and the health of the environment.

The Board have heard regularly from the local community that no matter what mitigating measure are put in place, they will continue to have these concerns.

A notable other concern that has been raised with us is that a major cycleway is proposed to link Templeton with the city. The idea behind the cycle way is to encourage active transport in a safe way, to get more people on their bikes.

The proposed quarry will undermine this with the increased traffic - specifically heavy vehicles using the quarry (a forecast of 600 entering and 600 leaving the site each day) – this will not encourage more active transport options. It will increase traffic and in doing so, increase safety risks on vulnerable road users.

Impact on rates

Finally, I would make the point that although the proposed quarry will be in the Selwyn District, it will be the ratepayers of Christchurch City that bear the additional burden of road repairs and ongoing maintenance caused by an increase of heavy vehicles using its roads.

This is an unfair and ongoing burden to place on the ratepayers of Christchurch.

Conclusion

Thank you for taking the time to listen to the concerns of the Board.

It has been a privilege to advocate on behalf of our local constituents who, after two years of worry and thousands of dollars spent on legal fees and experts, are trusting that you will make the correct decision on behalf of the people who live locally and accordingly decline these applications in their entirety.

Mike Mora

Chairperson

Waipuna/Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board