



5 February 2021

Te Roopu Putaiao

Waahi Whaanui Trust

**RE: CULTURAL VALUES STATEMENT FOR GLEESON QUARRIES HUNTLY LTD – REGIONAL/DISTRICT  
LAND-USE CONSENT FOR OVERBURDEN DISPOSAL AND ASSOCIATED STORMWATER DISCHARGE –  
FILL AREA 5**

BACKGROUND

The proposed overburden disposal area (Fill Area 5) covers approximately 2.5ha of land area & based on engineering estimates and designs has a capacity to accommodate approx. 182,600m<sup>3</sup> of overburden material from the quarry over a period of 2 - 4 years. The proposal includes the following activities:

- Clearing the gully of all vegetation (mainly exotics) and topsoil.
- Upgrading the gradient and width of the existing internal roads that will be used to access the area.
- Reclaiming an 110m ephemeral stream and 50m intermittent stream.
- Installing drainage and erosion and sediment control measures (including a stormwater pond).
- Filling the gully with cleanfill (quarry overburden only).
- Stabilising the filled area on completion and restoring to pasture.
- Clean water is to be discharged from the sediment retention pond into the downstream ephemeral watercourse.



## Tai Tumu Tai Pari, Tai Ao

The proposal also aligns with the objectives of the Waikato-Tainui Environmental Plan (WTEP) and The Vision and Strategy of the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act (2010) as follows:

- 120m of permanent stream length and associated habitat will provide both mitigation and betterment to the catchment, as it will be restored, riparian margins planted with native species and protected in perpetuity by way of covenant. (see Section 10 Whakatupuranga Waikato-Tainui 2050 / Tribal Strategic Plan of WTEP)
- Removal of pest plant species, clearing of debris and riparian planting within the compensation site will provide benefits to water quality within the stream.
- The above will provide an ecological 'net gain' back to the catchment (see Section 11 Te Ture Whaimana O Te Awa O Waikato / The Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River of the WTEP)
- There are no identified waahi tapu and sites of significance to Waikato-Tainui recorded within the gullies (or immediate surrounds); there is a pa site (S14/14) shown on the Proposed WDP maps approximately 1km north of Fill Area 5.
- The sediment retention pond at the base of Fill Area 5 will ensure sediment loading at point of discharge to the stream will be considered 'clean' and during storms will meet ANZG 95% standards.
- There is no nearby marae or papakaainga in proximity to the Fill Area, other than the historic pa site mentioned above. (See Section 13 Ngaa Papakaainga me ngaa Marae / Waikato-Tainui Communities of the WTEP)
- It is unlikely that the stream within the compensation area is (or would be) suitable for waioranga or wairua purposes, however riparian planting and pest plant removal will, over the long term, contribute to improving water quality within the Waikato River. (See Section 14 Ngaa Mahi Tuku Iho a Waikato-Tainui / Customary Activities of the WTEP).
- Including a Maatauranga Maaori Environmental Management Plan as a condition of consent allows recognition of cultural knowledge and innovation to ensure both water quality and habitat are protected and enhanced.



- The fill activity will not limit access to any cultural site of significance or value, to our knowledge.
- Ridgelines will not be lost, but rather accentuated by the infilling of the gully. (See Section 15 Ngaa Taonga Maaori tuku iho me te Aarai Taiao / Natural Heritage and Biosecurity of the WTEP).
- There are no natural hazards have been identified within the Site. (See Section 17 Ngaa Moorearea Ao Tuuroa / Natural Hazards of the WTEP)
- Sedimentation and siltation will be avoided by the implementation of best practice erosion and sediment control methods, including sediment retention pond to treat runoff from the fill area. (See Section 19 Te Wai Maaori / Freshwater WTEP)

## MITIGATION

The following mitigation (for the loss of Pekapeka habitat and loss of stream) is supported by Waahi Whaanui Trust:

- Covenanted an area of approximately 7,500m<sup>2</sup> east of the proposed overburden disposal area (Fill Area 5) as a 'Pekapeka/Bat Reserve : providing artificial bat roosts, chainsaw hollows & pest control
- Restoration of 120m of spring-fed headwaters of western tributary of an identified compensation area located west of the proposed overburden disposal area (Fill Area 5) on the Gleeson landholdings:
- Pest plant control and indigenous revegetation planting will be undertaken within the compensation area to increase the ecological values of the watercourse through increased shading to the water surface and riparian buffering.
- The compensation area will be fenced to exclude stock thus reducing sediment and nutrient input into the watercourse.
- Protecting the heritage values of the fill area, near the known heritage site

## CULTURAL STATEMENT RESPONSE AND POSITION

In response to hui held with Gleeson Quarries Huntly representatives on 30th July 2020, 17th December 2020 and 26th January 2021, this formal response confirms that Waahi Whaanui Trust



have reviewed the information provided and presented by the planners appointed by the Gleeson (Paua Planning Ltd) and **does not oppose the proposed overburden disposal area** (known as Fill Area 5 ) and associated stormwater discharge to be established and operated, subject to the mitigation and offsetting presented by Gleeson Quarries, and recommendations given in this letter.

Waahi Whaanui Trust acknowledges the applicants regard to the Tangata Whenua of the Raahui Pookeka rohe.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Norman Hill'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a distinct flourish at the end.

Norman Hill

Waahi Whaanui Trust Trustee