

Report: Summary of Submissions by Submitter Number/Name

Submitter Number:	575	Submitter:	Fulton Hogan Limited
Point Number	575.1		
Summary of Decision Requested:	<p>Delete the definitions for 'Aggregate extraction activities', 'Extractive industry' and 'Mineral extraction and processing' in Chapter 13: Definitions;</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Add a new definition for 'Mineral and aggregate extraction activities' to Chapter 13 Definitions as follows (or words to similar effect):</p> <p><i>Mineral and aggregate extraction activities mean those activities associated with mineral and aggregate extraction, including:</i></p> <p><i>g) excavation, blasting, processing (crushing, screening, washing and blending);</i></p> <p><i>b) the storage, distribution and sale of minerals or aggregates by wholesale to industry or by retail;</i></p> <p><i>c) ancillary earthworks;</i></p> <p><i>d) the removal and deposition of overburden;</i></p> <p><i>e) treatment of stormwater and wastewater;</i></p> <p><i>f) landscaping and rehabilitation work, including cleanfilling;</i></p> <p><i>g) ancillary buildings and structures; and</i></p> <p><i>h) residential accommodation necessary for security purposes.</i></p> <p>AND</p> <p>Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.</p>		
Decision Reasons:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are three different definitions in the PDP covering a range of extractive industries: aggregate extraction activities, mineral extraction and processing, and the extractive industry. Having three separate definitions adds unnecessary confusion which can be avoided by removing the superfluous definitions and retaining only one for 'mineral and aggregate extraction activities' as proposed. 		
Point Number	575.2		
Summary of Decision Requested:	Retain Objective 3.2.1 - Significant Natural Areas.		
Decision Reasons:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the aim of protection SNAs throughout the district, provided such overlays are used appropriately and without limiting the commercial viability of legally established quarries. 		
Point Number	575.3		
Summary of Decision Requested:	<p>Retain Objective 3.3.1 Outstanding natural features and landscapes, except for the amendments sought below</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Amend Objective 3.3.1 - Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes, as follows (or words to similar effect):</p> <p><i>(a) Outstanding Natural Features and Outstanding Natural Landscapes and their attributes are recognised and protected from inappropriate subdivision, use and development excluding any legally established mineral or aggregate extraction activities.</i></p> <p>AND</p> <p>Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.</p>		
Decision Reasons:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulton Hogan support the objective to recognise and protect ONFAL and SAL in the district as they may make up character which Waikato District is known for. Seek amendments as the proposed district plan includes Outstanding Natural Features, Outstanding Natural Landscapes and Significant Amenity Landscapes over existing lawfully established quarries which limits the ability for expansion of these quarries, which will hinder the financial prosperity of the same. This could cause social and economic harm to the company and community. The proposed amendment is to ensure that these are sufficiently safeguarded. This is also in line with the RPS, which provides specific protection to mineral extraction activities. 		
Point Number	575.4		
Summary of Decision Requested:	Retain Objective 3.4.1, provided that the Significant Natural Areas, Outstanding Natural Features and Outstanding Natural Landscapes are removed as sought elsewhere in the submission.		
Decision Reasons:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulton Hogan support the objective to recognise and protect SAL in the district as they make up character which Waikato District is known for. 		

- Seek amendments as the proposed district plan includes Outstanding Natural Features, Outstanding Natural Landscapes and Significant Amenity Landscapes over existing lawfully established quarries which limits the ability for expansion of these quarries, which will hinder the financial prosperity of the same.
- This could cause social and economic harm to the company and community.

Point Number 575.5

Summary of Decision Requested: **Retain** Objective 5.4.1- Minerals and extractive industries, except for the amendments sought below
AND

Amend Objective 5.4.1 - Minerals and extractive industries, as follows (or words to similar effect):

Mineral resource use and mineral and aggregate extraction activities provides economic, social and environmental benefits to the district and these activities are protected.

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- Fulton Hogan support this objective based on the fact that it provides a level of protection for the mineral resource industry.
- By inserting the proposed words, the protection is strengthened which is key, given that this industry is vital to this district and contributes an important share of its GDP.
- This approach is supported by the RPS, particularly Objective 3.10 and Policies 4.4 and 6.8, which specifically protect regionally significant industries and recognise the importance of mineral extraction to sustain anticipated regional growth.

Point Number 575.6

Summary of Decision Requested: **Retain** Policy 3.2.2 (b) Identify and Recognise, except for the amendments sought below.
AND

Amend Policy 3.2.2 (b) Identify and Recognise, as follows (or words to similar effect):

(b) Recognise and protect Significant Natural Areas by ensuring the characteristics that contribute to their significance are not adversely affected by activities other than mineral and aggregate extraction.

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- Fulton Hogan supports the intent of the policy but seeks amendments, noting that the RPS specifically protects mineral extraction activities, which is currently not achieved by the proposed wording of Policy 3.2.2.
- Proposed amendments make it clear that extraction activities may removal stands of indigenous vegetation without impacting on the characteristics that contribute to the significance of SNA.
- While not a matter for the relief sought on this submission point, the submission notes that Fulton Hogan request that the SNA overlays imposed over its properties are removed in their entirety, so as to ensure that the commercial viability of these quarries are not unreasonably obstructed.

Point Number 575.7

Summary of Decision Requested: **Retain** Policy 3.2.3 Management hierarchy, except for the amendments sought below.
AND

Amend Policy 3.2.3 Management hierarchy, as follows:

(i) avoiding the significant adverse effects of vegetation clearance and the disturbance of habitats unless specific activities need to be enabled such as mineral and aggregate extraction activities;

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- Support the intent of this policy but concerned that it would hinder the lawful operations of existing quarries. Amendment is sought as the removal of indigenous forestry may be necessary to support growth of the district and region.

Point Number 575.8

Summary of Decision Requested: **Retain** Policy 3.2.4 Biodiversity offsetting.

Decision Reasons:

- Supports the use of offsetting noting that mineral and aggregate extraction activities can create adverse effects on significant natural areas.
- Also support the signal that applications that may result in any adverse effects on any SNAs or indigenous biodiversity outside an SNA be allowed to be offered by a resource consent applicant.

Point Number 575.9

Summary of Decision Requested: **Retain** Policy 3.2.7 Managing Significant Natural Areas, except for the amendments sought below.

AND

Amend Policy 3.2.7 (a)(v) Managing Significant Natural Areas, as follows (or words to similar effect):

(v) ~~avoiding physical and legal fragmentation~~

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- Fulton Hogan support a policy that sets out the management of Significant Natural Areas.
- There are instances where significant natural areas may be physically separated due to expansion in lawfully established quarries. Proposed amendment would still safeguard significant natural areas while ensuring that extractive industries near significant natural areas can stay viable.
- While not a matter for the relief sought on this submission point, the submission notes that Fulton Hogan request that the SNA overlays imposed over its properties are removed in their entirety, so as to ensure that the commercial viability of these quarries are not unreasonably obstructed.

Point Number 575.10

Summary of Decision Requested: **Retain** Policy 3.3.2 - Recognising values and qualities, provided that the Significant Natural Areas, Outstanding Natural Features and Outstanding Natural Landscapes are removed as sought elsewhere in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- Supports the recognition of values and qualities of the Outstanding Natural Features and Outstanding Natural Landscapes but seeks to remove the overlays from the Waingaro quarry.
- Proposed overlays will unreasonably restrict the ability to operate commercial aggregate extraction activities at this site. It further risks that the existing resource is sterilised, as it will become very difficult to expand the quarry's footprint, which is detrimental not only to Fulton Hogan but to the district as a whole, which relies on the extractive industry for economic development and growth.

Point Number 575.11

Summary of Decision Requested: **Retain** Policy 3.3.3 Protection from inappropriate subdivision, use and development, provided that the Significant Natural Areas, Outstanding Natural Features and Outstanding Natural Landscapes are removed as sought elsewhere in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- Supports the recognition of values and qualities of the Outstanding Natural Features and Outstanding Natural Landscapes but seeks to remove the overlays from the Waingaro quarry.
- Proposed overlays will unreasonably restrict the ability to operate commercial aggregate extraction activities at this site. It further risks that the existing resource is sterilised, as it will become very difficult to expand the quarry's footprint, which is detrimental not only to Fulton Hogan but to the district as a whole, which relies on the extractive industry for economic development and growth.

Point Number 575.12

Summary of Decision Requested: **Retain** 3.3.4 Policy The relationships of Maaori with natural resources and land, provided that the Significant Natural Areas, Outstanding Natural Features and Outstanding Natural Landscapes are removed as sought elsewhere in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- Supports the recognition of values and qualities of the Outstanding Natural Features and Outstanding Natural Landscapes but seeks to remove the overlays from the Waingaro quarry.
- Proposed overlays will unreasonably restrict the ability to operate commercial aggregate extraction activities at this site. It further risks that the existing resource is sterilised, as it will become very difficult to expand the quarry's footprint, which is detrimental not only to Fulton Hogan but to the district as a whole, which relies on the extractive industry for economic development and growth.

Point Number 575.13

Summary of Decision Requested: **Retain** Policy 3.4.3 Maintaining and enhancing Significant Amenity Landscapes, provided that the Significant Amenity Landscape overlay is removed, as sought elsewhere in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- Supports intent to protect Significant Amenity Landscapes across the district but, seeks removal of the overlay from the Tuakau Quarry (subject to a separate submission point).

Point Number 575.14

Summary of Decision Requested: **Retain** Policy 5.4.2 Access to minerals and extractive industries, except for the amendments sought below

AND

Amend Policy 5.4.2 (a) and (b) Access to minerals and extractive industries, as follows (or words to similar effect):

- a. Enable extractive industries provided that adverse effects are avoided, remedied or mitigated insofar as it is reasonable and practicable while still ensuring that the industry remains viable.
- b. Protect access to, and extraction of, mineral resources by:
 - i. Identifying lawfully established extractive industries in or outside of Aggregate Extraction Areas and Coal Mining Areas on planning maps;
 - ii. Identifying the site of a potential extractive industry within or outside of an Aggregate Resource Area on planning maps;

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- Submission supports the policy but seeks amendments as the protection afforded by the policy only extends to existing quarries and not new extractive industries.
- It provides no protection to new extractive industries, as such properties would have to apply for a plan change.
- Aggregate is a significant and economically vital natural resource and contributes to the economic and social wellbeing of the area.

Point Number

575.15

Summary of Decision Requested:

Amend Rule 22.1.5 NC2 Non-Complying Activities, as follows (or words to similar effect):

(a) A new or not yet lawfully existing (as at the date this plan became operative) extractive industry proposed to be located within all or part of any of the following:...

- (i) Outstanding Natural Feature;*
- (ii) Outstanding Natural Landscape;*
- (iii) High Natural Character Area;*
- (iv) Outstanding Natural Character Area.*

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- Fulton Hogan opposes Rule 22.1.5 as it restricts their operations from growing in the future and seeks amendments so that existing extraction activities (like the Waingaro Quarry) are not unreasonably hindered should the overlay remain. It will still ensure that no new quarries are established in Outstanding Natural Feature; Outstanding Natural Landscape areas, which is presumed to be the key intent of the Rule.
- Submission notes that there are separate relief sought to have the respective overlays removed, elsewhere in the submission.

Point Number

575.16

Summary of Decision Requested:

Add a new rule to Section 22.2.1 - Noise, (22.2.1.4), as follows (or words to similar effect):

NOISE – MINERAL AND AGGREGATE EXTRACTION ACTIVITIES

Any noise created by a mineral or aggregate extraction activities is permitted provided that if measured at the notional boundary of any dwelling which existed at [insert date of plan becoming operative], does not exceed:

- a. 55dBA (L₁₀) 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday;
- b. 55dBA (L₁₀) 7am to 6pm Saturday;
- c. 50dBA (L₁₀) 7pm to 10pm Monday to Friday;
- d. 50dBA (L₁₀) 7am to 6pm Sundays and Public Holidays;
- e. 45dBA (L₁₀) and 70dBA (L_{max}) at all other times including Public Holidays.

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- Submission states preference for rules currently in the Operative District Plan and as such, seek to add the new rule to define the effects anticipated and accepted and to safeguard both the industry as well as the surrounding properties (insofar as reasonable and practicable). This is particularly important in relation to effects relating to noise, dust and vibration, as these are key elements of an activity of this kind.

Point Number

575.17

Summary of Decision Requested:

Add a new rule - Mineral and aggregate extraction activity - vibrations and blasting rules, as follows (or words to similar effects):

VIBRATION AND BLASTING – MINERAL AND AGGREGATE EXTRACTION ACTIVITIES

- a. The measurement of blast noise (airblast) and ground vibration from blasting shall be carried out in accordance with best practice standards.
- b. The noise created by the use of explosives measured at a notional boundary of 20 metres from occupied dwellings shall not exceed a peak overall sound pressure of 128 dB.
- c. Blasting shall be confined to two occasions per day except where necessary for safety reasons.

d. Where blasting is irregular and the occupiers of neighbouring sites could be alarmed, they shall be advised of pending blasts, at least one hour before any such blast.

e. When blasting, the limit of particle velocity (peak particle velocity) measured on any foundation of an adjacent occupied building not connected with the site, or suitable location adjacent to the building, shall not exceed 25mm/second for commercial buildings or 10mm/second for dwellings and buildings of similar design.

f. Every blast shall be recorded with particular attention to details of charge weight and delay practice. Monitoring using reliable and appropriate methods representative of all blasts, at varying distances and various sites of different sensitivity shall be carried out to ensure that clauses ii and vi above are complied with. Blast records and monitoring results shall be made available to the Council on request.

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- Submission states preference for rules currently in the Operative District Plan and as such, seek to add the new rule to define the effects anticipated and accepted and to safeguard both the industry as well as the surrounding properties (insofar as reasonable and practicable). This is particularly important in relation to effects relating to noise, dust and vibration, as these are key elements of an activity of this kind.

Point Number

575.18

Summary of Decision Requested:

Add a new rule - Mineral and aggregate extraction activity - air emission rules, as follows (or words to similar effect):

AIR EMISSIONS – MINERAL AND AGGREGATE EXTRACTION ACTIVITIES

Subject to any resource consent which may have been obtained, dust or any other airborne contaminant shall not be discharged at a level that is likely to cause a nuisance or affect the amenity values of any property in the area.

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- Submission states preference for rules currently in the Operative District Plan and as such, seek to add the new rule to define the effects anticipated and accepted and to safeguard both the industry as well as the surrounding properties (insofar as reasonable and practicable). This is particularly important in relation to effects relating to noise, dust and vibration, as these are key elements of an activity of this kind.

Point Number

575.19

Summary of Decision Requested:

Retain Rule 22.2.3.1 (i) Earthworks- General except for the amendments sought below

AND

Amend Rule 22.2.3 (a)(i) Earthworks as follows (or words to similar effect):

(i) Ancillary rural and mineral and aggregate extraction earthworks;

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- Earthworks are a natural part of extracting minerals and aggregate. Without stripping the overburden/topsoil, you cannot extract the underlying aggregate.
- It is important that the industry is able to carry out ancillary earthworks as a Permitted Activity to avoid unnecessary cost and delay of expansion.
- With appropriate conditions in place, any effects created by these types of activities will still be able to be appropriated managed.

Point Number

575.20

Summary of Decision Requested:

Retain Rule 22.2.3.4 Earthworks within Landscape and Natural Character Areas

OR

Amend Rule 22.2.3.4 Earthworks if the Significant Natural Areas, Outstanding Natural Features and Outstanding Natural Landscapes are not removed from Fulton Hogan lawfully existing quarries as sought elsewhere in the submission.

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- Has no opposition to the rule in principal but seeks removal of the overlays from existing quarries.

Point Number

575.21

Summary of Decision Requested:

Retain Rule 22.3.7.2 (a) Building setback sensitive land use except for the amendments sought below

AND

Amend Rule 22.3.7.2 (a) Building setbacks sensitive land use, as follows (or word to similar effect):

(a) *Any building for a sensitive land use must be set back a minimum of...*

(iv) *200m from an Aggregate Extraction Area, mineral or aggregate extraction activities containing a sand resource;*

(v) *500m from an Aggregate Extraction Area, mineral or aggregate extraction activities containing a rock resource;...*

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- Mineral and aggregate extraction can result in effects which give rise to reverse sensitivity.
- By ensuring that appropriate setback rules apply not only to those quarries which are subject to the proposed overlays but also to others (including future quarries which would need to apply for a Plan change to have the same level of protection), this will provide sufficient safeguards for the industry going forward from reverse sensitivity.

Point Number

575.22

Summary of Decision Requested:

Add a new rule - regarding subdivision, as follows (or words to similar effect):

ALLOTMENT BOUNDARY – MINERAL AND AGGREGATE EXTRACTION ACTIVITIES

Subdivision is a restricted discretionary activity if the boundary of every allotment is drawn so that it is within:

(a) *200m of the boundary of a lawfully established mineral and aggregate extraction activity used for sand extraction; and*

(b) *500m of the boundary of a lawfully established mineral and aggregate extraction activity used for rock extraction.*

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- In order to safeguard existing quarry operations, the proposed rule sought will limit the risk of creating reverse sensitivity effects by ensuring that Fulton Hogan are considered an affected party in situations where properties adjacent to their existing quarries are subject to a subdivision application.

Point Number

575.23

Summary of Decision Requested:

Delete Significant Natural Area from the Tauhei quarry at 1500 Tauhei Road, Tuakau (property 1005650).

(A map of the respective area sought for deletion is attached to the original submission as Appendix B).

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- The Significant Natural Areas areas encroach on a large amount of potential extraction land.
- The quarry is also subject to the 'Aggregate Extraction Areas' overlay, which is intended to protect lawfully established quarry activities. The overlapping overlays creates unnecessary confusion as to what takes priority and will make any future expansion of these quarries complex and costly.

Point Number

575.24

Summary of Decision Requested:

Delete Significant Natural Area from the Waingaro quarry land (Waingaro Road, Ngaruawahia - properties **2006029**, 1012692, 1012697 and 1012732).

(A map of the respective area sought for deletion is attached to the original submission as Appendix B).

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- The Significant Natural Areas areas encroach on a large amount of potential extraction land.
- The quarry is also subject to the 'Aggregate Extraction Areas' overlay, which is intended to protect lawfully established quarry activities. The overlapping overlays creates unnecessary confusion as to what takes priority and will make any future expansion of these quarries complex and costly.

Point Number

575.25

Summary of Decision Requested:

Delete the Outstanding Natural Feature from the Waingaro quarry land (Waingaro Road, Ngaruawahia - properties 2006029, 1012692, 1012697 and 1012732).

(A map of the respective area sought for deletion is attached to the original submission as Appendix B).

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- The land identified is directly adjacent to current operations, meaning that any future expansion (or continued extraction) could involve land subject to this overlay.
- This overlay overlaps with the 'Aggregate Extraction Areas' overlay, which is intended to protect lawfully established quarry activities.
- The overlapping overlays creates unnecessary confusion as to what takes priority and will make any future expansion of the quarry unnecessarily complex and costly.

Point Number

575.26

Summary of Decision Requested:

Delete the Significant Amenity Landscape on the Tuakau quarry land (Friedlander Road, Tuakau - property 301603).

(A map of the respective area sought for deletion is attached to the original submission as Appendix B).

OR

Amend the Significant Amenity Landscape on Tuakau quarry land (Friedlander Road, Tuakau - property 301603) to reduce the extent as shown on Appendix B of the submission to only cover farmland.

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- This a misrepresentation of what the existing environment looks like (which has been operating as a quarry for over a decade) and is inappropriate given the use of the land for a quarry and other activities not usually found in SALs (such as farming, treatment ponds etc).
- Overlay overlaps with the 'Aggregate Extraction Areas' overlay, and this overlap creates unnecessary confusion as to what takes priority and will make any future expansion of the quarry unnecessarily complex and costly.
- Request that the SAL overlay be removed insofar as it impacts on the quarry. They further request that the remaining overlay be removed OR reduced insofar as it covers the surrounding farm lands.

Point Number

575.27

Summary of Decision Requested:

Retain the "Aggregate Extraction Area" overlay applying across all three quarries in Tuakau, Waingaro and Tauhei.

Decision Reasons:

- No reason provided.

Point Number

575.28

Summary of Decision Requested:

Retain Policy 5.3.3 Industrial and commercial activities except for the amendments sought below.

AND

Add a new clause to Policy 5.3.3 -Industrial and Commercial Activities, by adding on an additional point as follows:

(a) Rural industries and services are managed to ensure they are in keeping with the character of the Rural Zone.

(b) Avoid locating industrial and commercial activities in rural areas that do not have a genuine functional connection with the rural land or soil resource.

(c) Allowing for mineral and aggregate extraction activities insofar as they are lawfully established in the Rural Zone.

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- Fulton Hogan support the restriction of Industrial and Commercial activities in the Rural Zone. Amendment sought to ensure that aggregate and mineral extraction is still specifically catered for in the Rural Zone.
- This industry is of both regional and district-wide importance and protection of the same is consistent with the RPS (which safeguards mineral extraction to ensure that the region can continue to grow).

Point Number

575.29

Summary of Decision Requested:

Retain Policy 5.3.7 (h) Reverse sensitivity effects, except for the amendments sought below;

AND

Amend Policy 5.3.7 (h) Reverse sensitivity effects, as follows (or words to similar effect):

(h) Provide for intensive farming activities and mineral and aggregate extraction activities, recognising the potential adverse effects that need to be managed, including noise, visual amenity, rural character or landscape effects, and odour.

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- Submission supports the policy but seeks the amendment to ensure that not only established quarries, but potentially new mineral or aggregate extraction activities are able to be established in the Rural Zone. Noting that it is vital to the survival of the aggregate extraction industry.

Point Number 575.30

Summary of Decision Requested: **Retain** Policy 5.3.9 Non-rural activities, as notified.

Decision Reasons:

- Supports the management of non-rural activities and structures in the rural zone.
- Concerned that non-rural activities may cause reverse sensitivity effects on quarry operations undertaken within the Rural Zone.

Point Number 575.31

Summary of Decision Requested: **Retain** Policy 5.3.13 Waste management activities, except for the amendments sought below

AND

Amend Policy 5.3.13 (a)Waste management activities, as follows (or words to similar effect):

Provide for the rehabilitation of existing quarry sites upon decommission, including landfill and cleanfill activities, where there is an environmental gain.

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- Support the provision but seek amendment so that rehabilitation occurs upon decommission (unless a particular site lends itself to ongoing rehabilitation, which will be determined by site specific factors).
- Wants to ensure that once extractive processes of the quarry are no longer viable and/or equitable, the proposed district plan will encourage restoration of the landscape.
- The original state of the environment may not be able to be achieved but with then right steps, quarry sites will be able to blend into the environment after being decommissioned.

Point Number 575.32

Summary of Decision Requested: **Retain** Policy 5.3.15 Noise and vibration, except for the amendments sought below;

AND

Amend Policy 5.3.15 (a)(iii) Noise and vibration, as follows (or words to similar effect):

(iii) Maintaining appropriate buffers between high noise environments and noise sensitive activities insofar as that is practicable...

AND

Amend the Proposed District Plan to make consequential and additional amendments as necessary to give effect to the matters raised in the submission.

Decision Reasons:

- Supports the principal of policy but seek amendments as quarrying and aggregate extraction create large amounts of noise and vibration from time to time which may make compliance with the policy challenging.
 - Amendment will ensure that existing quarry sites (such as the Fulton Hogan quarries) can continue their operations without additional requirements insofar as noise and vibration buffers are concerned.
-