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Submissions from John White and Mary-Ann White to resource consent applications made pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991 section 88 from Winstone Aggregates Limited – joint ARC/ACC hearing October/ November 2009 Consent Numbers 36221 and 36222

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I have been requested by John White and Mary-Ann White to table this submission at the joint hearing because they are not able to be here in person due to travel commitments.

1. Contaminants – Maui’s Dolphin

The ACC report mentions that the water treatment plant is not used and so most of the dewatering is ending up in the Manukau Harbour. If any contaminant ends up in the Quarry this will be pumped directly to the Harbour and can place all flora and fauna at risk. Our special concern is the Maui’s Dolphin, a very rare New Zealand native. Within the ACC report it mentions that contamination may be found after fill has been off loaded at the Quarry, by which time it could all be too late particularly at a time of heavy rainfall.

2. Operating times

Pages 5 and 26 ACC report mention quarrying times as being 7am-8pm Mon-Fri and Sat 9am-6pm. Furthermore, page 60 of same document seems to be considering opening allowed to 10.00pm. We definitely are against this. The proposed extended noise and operating times are worsening the situation considerably and are unreasonable. Why are these times not in line with the standard ACC noise control guidelines, that is, not Sundays and public holidays and between 7.30 and 6pm Mon-Fri?

3. Increasingly large scale of the operation

Page 35 ACC report mentions the lack of environmental creep but the constant move to make this operation bigger, go for longer hours, make more noise, emit more dust is exactly that. The report takes the stance that the Quarry has always been there and the zone allows for anything (24/7 etc). However the Quarry is in a constant state of evolution, not towards closer harmony with the suburban environment but is instead

becoming increasingly strongly antagonistic to suburban living. Just because actions are allowed under district plans does not mean it is correct to carry them out in this environment. The present running of the Quarry has been modified by interaction with local community groups. 24/7 operation etc is not acceptable. The road in the south of Auckland, that has grown to become the Southern Motorway, has always had residents close by. Over the time it has evolved, improvements have been made to lessen its effects on the local residents. Mining operations, such as in Waihi, have made improvements as the operations have evolved and changed their operations to alleviate the effects on locals.

4. Truck movements

On page 18 ACC report Mr Royce states there will be no more effects from the additional quarry activity. It is not the quarry activity that will have the greatest effect, it is the truck movements and also the sheer number of trucks. Saying that the road and residents are used to large vehicle numbers and SH20 has already reduced the numbers so that 700+ truck movements is not a problem, is a fallacy. One car is not comparable to a huge many-wheeled trailered truck under heavy load.

5. Filling

On page 34 ACC Mr Koay believes that collapse settlement will be significant when ground water rises. Should quarrying be stopped and filling started then the hole would not be as deep!

6. Involvement of third parties

On page 20 ACC report, third party controlling fill...this will allow everyone involved to hide behind eachother. Likewise on page 23 ACC report, good filling process but third party trucks cannot be told not to use engine brakes, see page 26, as they are a third party. If all these parties are not governed or controlled in some way, the noise, contamination of fill, and air pollution to the local area will have no controls whatsoever in place to ensure a safe environment (page 28 ACC - 7.2.4.52). All dust considerations within the report are about on-site at the Quarry and, since we are also looking at third party trucks, no mention has been made as to guidelines/restrictions that should be put in place to cover the dust emissions from trucks going to and from the Quarry.

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