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Subject: Re: Private plan change application – 546 and 646 McNicol Road and 439 Otau Mountain Road, Clevedon

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To: David Wren <david@davidwren.co.nz>

Cc: "YOUNG, Jo" <jo.young@stevenson.co.nz>

Hi David

Please find below and attached the response.

Landscape Assessment

Please explain how these matters are proposed to be addressed by the plan change request. If they are not proposed to be addressed, please explain the consequences of future development not providing for these matters.

The ONF itself is protected by the Chapter D standards. This manages activities within the ONF overlay. No further rules are considered to be required in respect to this overlay.

In terms of landscape and visual effects of quarrying activities, the existing matters of control in H28.7.1(1)(b) and assessment criteria in H28.7.2(1)(b)(i) address these matters at time of resource consent as they did with the earlier resource consent for the operation of the Clevedon quarry.

The Landscape and Visual Assessment explicitly states that retention/management of vegetation should be dealt with as part of the future resource consents. Appropriate vegetation mitigation cannot be offered until the applicant has a plan for how quarrying will occur across the site (as a consequence of the PPC). This will determine the best location for vegetation to be maintained (or in fact additional screening to be established), and can be addressed by way of resource consent in accordance with the operative AUP provisions of H28.7.1(1)(b) and H28.7.2(1)(b)(i).

The applicant indicates there are no plans to remove vegetation between the quarry and the Wairoa River Gorge. It is in the applicant's best interest to maintain a vegetative buffer around the quarry.

Terrestrial Ecology

Table 4 of the ecology report lists all herpetofauna species identified within 20km of the site. The conservation status reference is out of date and needs to be updated to reflect the updated threat status of each species in line with the 2021 Department of Conservation publication. Additionally the regional conservation status of amphibian and reptile species in Auckland was recently released. As the national and regional conservation status of individual species are not the same the regional status for each of the species in table 4 would also need to be included.

Attached is the updated ecology report from RMA Ecology Ltd.

Regards, Mark

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