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Dear Eloise,

Proposed Upgrade of McPherson Rd/SH2 intersection in relation to the operation of McPherson Quarry - 47 McPherson Road, Mangatawhiri

Thank you for submitting your client's proposal to the NZ Transport Agency (Transport Agency) for comment. As you will appreciate, millions of dollars are invested in the transport network each year and the Transport Agency has an interest in ensuring this investment is not compromised, including by ensuring land use and subdivision do not impact on the safety and efficiency of the transport network.

The Transport Agency understands your client is seeking resource consent to extract a yearly tonnage of 492,000 from McPherson Quarry. This proposal includes modifying the McPherson Road intersection with State Highway 2 to include a right turn bay, short deceleration lane for the left turn into McPherson Road and earthworks to maintain sight distances from the intersection.

The key issue for this proposal is achieving appropriate sight distances for westbound traffic on SH2 to slow-moving vehicles that have already turned right out of McPherson Road. Based on Austroads 2016 Part 3, the stopping sight distance for a car travelling at 90 km/h with a reaction time of 2.5 seconds is 151 m. Following initial consultation with the Transport Agency plans have been provided which demonstrate the required 151 metre sight distance can be met.

State Highway 2 in this location is declared a limited access road under the Government Roading Powers Act 1989 (GRPA). Section 91 of the GRPA enables the Transport Agency to authorise the use of a crossing place on a limited access road, impose conditions on its usage, specify the location of a crossing place or cancel the right to use any crossing place if legal access is available from another road. In accordance with Section 92 of the GRPA, no person may drive or move any vehicle or animal, or permit any vehicle or animal to be driven or moved, on to or from any limited access road except at any crossing place authorised by the Transport Agency.

Based on the information provided, the Transport Agency requires the following conditions to be met so as to avoid/mitigate effects on the transport network. Subject to these conditions being met, the Transport Agency is **not opposed** to the proposal as detailed in the application prepared by Opus for the continued extraction and processing of a high-quality source of aggregate and the associated intersection upgrade, dated 15 August 2017, and further information received 21 January 2019.

Conditions

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1. No works shall be undertaken within State Highway 2 without the prior approval of the NZ Transport Agency pursuant to Section 51 of the GRPA. A Traffic Management Plan and Consent to Work on the Highway shall be submitted to and approved by the Transport Agency at least seven working days prior

to the commencement of any works on the state highway.

2. The annual haulage from McPherson Quarry shall be limited to 492,000 tonnes per year.

3. Detailed engineering design plans for the intersection must be submitted to the New Zealand

Transport Agency for approval prior to any works associated with its construction commencing.

Detailed design should consider, but not be limited to the following:

• Superelevation and drainage for surface water on the pavement as per Austroads guidelines;

Heavy vehicle turning paths;

• Cross-sectional drawings to indicate batter slopes, drainage lane width and property

boundaries;

• Traffic movement at the intersection for calculation of right turn bay length;

Re-alignment of guardrail.

• An advance warning sign for heavy vehicle crossing as per MOTSAM (sign to be located to the

west of the SH2/McPherson Road intersection)

4. An independent safety audit shall be conducted during detailed design of the intersection with State

Highway 2 and post construction. Each audit shall be carried out by an appropriately qualified auditor experienced with intersection design and appointed in consultation with the Transport Agency. Any

recommendations made by the auditor that require changes to design and construction shall be

approved by the Transport Agency.

5. Drawings provided indicate the sightlines are extending into private property. The applicant shall

provide evidence that batter slopes and vegetation will not obstruct the required sight lines of 151

metres in perpetuity.

To apply for any necessary approvals or for confirmation that the above conditions have been met, please

contact the Transport Agency directly on consentsandapprovals@nzta.govt.nz or call 07 958 7220.

Please be aware that this response is the Transport Agency's current view of the situation. If your application

changes or is put on hold for any length of time, the Transport Agency may need to review the application

again. Thank you for undertaking consultation with us. Please feel free to contact me if you have any

questions or require further information.

Yours sincerely

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