

PORIRUA CITY COUNCIL

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FORM 13

SUBMISSION ON APPLICATION CONCERNING RESOURCE CONSENT THAT IS SUBJECT TO PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OR LIMITED NOTIFICATION BY CONSENT AUTHORITY.

Sections 95A, 95B, 95C, and 96 Resource Management Act 1991

To: Porirua City Council, Hutt City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council

Full Name of Submitter: Pauatahanui Residents Association

This is a submission on an application from Winstones Aggregates Limited

The application is for a resource consent: To establish, operate, maintain and eventually close a 13.78 hectare cleanfill with associated activities at 616 Paremata Haywards Road (State Highway 58) Judgeford

The specific parts of the application that our submission relates to are:

Our submission relates to the application in its entirety with particular emphasis on Transport Infrastructure and Traffic.

Our submission is Neutral

The reasons for making our submission are:

1. The Pauatahanui Residents Association (PRA) represents residents and ratepayers in the Pauatahanui-Judgeford area.
2. Many (if not a majority) of the residents represented by PRA are regular and frequent users of State Highway 58 and will be affected by any changes to traffic management and/or road use on this section of highway.
3. The Pauatahanui Inlet is of importance to the Pauatahanui community. As such, any activity that has the potential to affect the Inlet's contributing streams and associated ecology raises concerns within the community.
4. Some residents, living in closer proximity to the proposed landfill, will be more directly affected with potential changes in landscape and other amenity values.

Traffic Issues

1. The Pauatahanui Residents Association has concerns that the safety of users of SH58 is not adequately addressed within the consent application.
2. PRA considers that this is not a safe stretch of road and that the addition of traffic to and from the cleanfill site will add to already increasing traffic volumes.

3. Many Pauatahanui residents travel this section of the road on a daily basis, travelling to and from work during the hours in which it is proposed that trucks will be accessing the proposed cleanfill site. A considerable number of residents also have children who travel by school buses to and from the Hutt Valley using this section of SH58.
4. In 2010 KiwiRAP (a partnership involving the AA, Ministry of Transport, NZ Transport Agency, ACC and police) lists the Haywards Hill Rd as one of the Wellington region's most dangerous, with only two stars out of a possible five.
5. With the impending development of Transmission Gully Motorway, all indications are that State Highway 58 will attract even more traffic moving between State Highway 1 and the Hutt Valley.
6. In September 2012, in their submission on the Pauatahanui-Judgeford Structure Plan the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) noted that they had a responsibility to ensure that the safety of SH58 is not reduced and that the efficiency of SH58 is maintained as an east west connector for the Wellington Region, particularly for freight.
7. NZTA also stated that "*The NZTA is currently investigating the role it expects SH58 to fulfil in Wellington Region. Hopefully, greater clarity around this point will soon be available.*" Has NZTA completed its study on the future of SH58? If it has, how has this been taken into consideration for this application?
8. NZTA has previously indicated that it has plans to continue improving SH58, including in the vicinity of the proposed cleanfill site. There has been no indication within their response to the consent application whether the proximity of the landfill extending to the edge of SH 58 verge could affect any widening and straightening of the road in the future.
9. The proposed entrance means that large trucks exiting the landfill and turning right will have to cross in front of oncoming traffic that typically is travelling at speed downhill. These trucks will also have to accelerate and merge with existing uphill traffic, while trucks turning left will have to merge with the accelerating downhill traffic.
10. Observations of current road users suggest that they often travel at speed along this short section of road, either having breasted the Haywards Hill or to avoid having to follow a slower truck down the Haywards Hill towards the SH2 intersection. Although this currently does not contribute to a high accident rate at this specific portion of the road, it is likely to be a significant factor if this becomes an entrance/exit for large vehicles.
11. PRA therefore considers that this proposal deals with road safety issues at a micro level along a few hundred meters of the road, either side of the proposed site entrance, without an adequate overview of the risks of travel on this road.

We seek the following decision from the consent authority:

1. PRA does not consider that the traffic management plan adequately addresses all the potential traffic safety risks associated with the proposed activity and seeks further investigation into these risks.
2. PRA seeks assurances that the concerns of local residents who are directly affected by the proposed activity are given due consideration and are adequately mitigated and/or remediated

3. PRA seeks assurances that all potential ecological impacts on the Pauatahanui Inlet and its contributing streams are adequately mitigated and/or remediated.

We wish to be heard in support of our submission

If others make a similar submission, we will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

*** Pursuant to section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991 I request that you delegate your functions, powers, and duties required to hear and decide the application to 1 or more hearings commissioners who are not members of the local authority.**

Signature of submitter (or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

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NOTES TO SUBMITTER

- If you are making a submission to the Environmental Protection Authority, you should use form 16B.
- The closing date for serving submissions on the consent authority is the 20th working day after public notification is given under section 95A of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- You must serve a copy of your submission on the applicant as soon as is reasonably practicable after you have served your submission on the consent authority.
- If you make a request under section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991, you must do so in writing no later than 5 working days after the close of submissions and you may be liable to meet or contribute to the costs of the hearings commission or commissioner.