

Ref: 160041



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Attention: John Wood

Dear John

RESOURCE CONSENT 160041 - REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Under section 92 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Westland District Council requests further information for your application for a to use land, described as Lot 3 DP 382658 to undertake mining including the clearance of indigenous vegetation

Requested information:

The further information required is detailed below. It will help Council to better understand your proposed activity, its effect on the environment and the ways any adverse effects on the environment might be mitigated.

1. Indigenous Vegetation Clearance

The application refers to the clearance of 3ha of regenerating indigenous vegetation. There is little information provided regarding the existing ecological values of the site. In order to properly assess the effects of the proposed vegetation clearance, a more thorough assessment is necessary and is usually prepared by a suitably qualified ecological expert. The assessment needs to contain a more in depth description of the existing ecological values of the site, including flora and fauna and an assessment against criteria contained in Policy 4.9D (relating to areas of indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous flora) of the Westland District Plan.

Please provide a detailed ecological assessment as outlined above, I am willing to consider an in depth assessment from you in the first instance.

2. Disturbance Limits and Rehabilitation

Please confirm the maximum area of land to be actively disturbed/mined at any one time.

3. Visual Screening

Would your client consider any form of visual screening from surrounding property owners? You have stated that planting is not to be undertaken due

the belief that the trees would not be sufficient in size by the end of the mining operation. Has your client considered created earth bunds and using direct vegetation transfer methods from the indigenous vegetation to be cleared?

Please outline any steps that are intended to lessen the visual effects of the operation.

Responding to this request:

Within 15 working days from the date of this letter you must either:

- provide the requested information; or
- provide written confirmation that you cannot provide the information within the timeframe, but do intend to provide it, and an estimated timeframe within which you will provide it. Council will then set a reasonable timeframe for the provision of the requested information; or
- provide written confirmation that you do not agree to provide the requested information.

If the requested information is not provided prior to the deadline or if you do not agree to provide the requested information, Council is required to publicly notify your application under section 95C.

Pursuant to Section 92A of the Resource Management Act, the processing of your application has been put on hold from

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 03 756 9085 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the above request or the further processing of the application.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Scadden', written in a cursive style.

Fiona Scadden
Consultant Planner