

Further Submitter #125

Online Further Submission

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Further Submitter Number	FS125
Wish to be heard	Yes
FS qualifier	a person who has an interest in the proposal that is greater than the interest the general public has (e.g. land owner, resource user)
FS qualifier reason	We live right next to the proposal and will be affected
Joint presentation	Yes
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Further submission points

Raw FS number	Original submitter	Related Submission Point	Plan section	Provision	OS Decision Requested	SupportOppose	FS Decision requested	Reasons
FS125.1	Ventia Ltd	S424.003	General	General / Plan Content / Miscellaneous	Amend any other part of the Plan to achieve the outcomes sought by this submission.	Oppose	Disallow	

The area of the proposed future expansion impacts the region in a number of areas:

Archaeological Significance:

The area under consideration for quarry expansion holds significant historical and archaeological value still significant to the local community and iwi. Our community takes pride in its rich cultural heritage, and the potential destruction of any artifacts, historical sites, or indigenous remains would be a tremendous loss. These resources are not only a connection to our past but also an educational asset for future generations.

The area includes significant Pa and garden sites, as well as other sites of archeological importance.

Watershed Function:

The proposed expansion impinges upon the delicate and untouched waterway, marshland and mature native forests of the area (refer SNA).

The quarry expansion will disrupt the delicate balance of our local watershed. The quarry's excavation and runoff could lead to erosion, sedimentation, and contamination of our water bodies. This could harm aquatic ecosystems, disrupt natural water flow patterns, and increase the risk of flooding downstream.

Loss of Habitat and Vulnerable Species:

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Environmental and Social Impact:

There is a significant local community directly adjacent to the proposed site who have settled in the area with the understanding and assurance that expansion of the quarry activities would not occur in the proposed direction.

The expansion of the quarry would likely result in increased noise levels, heavy traffic congestion, and dust pollution in the surrounding areas impacting the watershed and quality of air which is already under pressure from existing quarry activities. Our community's serene environment and peaceful ambiance would be irreversibly compromised, causing a decline in property values and making the area less attractive for residents and potential investors alike.

Concomitantly, many locals derive their livelihood from the area in the form of farming, nature walks, forest walks, eco-retreats, Airbnb's and pest control activities as examples, taking advantage of the pristine environment that continuously needs protection and management.

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Furthermore, the increased transportation of materials to and from the quarry would strain our already congested and damaged roadway, posing a safety hazard for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. This could also lead to increased maintenance costs for the local authorities, burdening taxpayers and diverting funds from more pressing community needs.

FS125.2	Ventia Ltd	S424.001	Planning maps	Mineral Extraction	Amend the extent of the Mineral Extraction Overlay over the entire area of NA97B/387.	Oppose	Disallow	<p>There are a significant number of overlays in this area that must take precedence over the expansion requirements of the quarry. These overlays hold intrinsic value to community, iwi and ecology and if disturbed will have significant effects to all stakeholders in the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>These overlays of critical importance include, but are not limited to:</p> <p>Archaeological Significance:</p> <p>The area under consideration for quarry expansion holds significant historical and archaeological value still significant to the local community and iwi. Our community takes pride in its rich cultural heritage, and the potential destruction of any artifacts, historical sites, or indigenous remains would be a tremendous</p>
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FS125.3	Ventia Ltd	S424.002	Mineral extraction overlay	Rules	Insert further clarity in terms of what overlays takes precedence when multiple apply.	Oppose	Disallow	<p>There is deep community concern and opposition to the proposed expansion of the Puketona quarry operation as proposed. While we understand the economic benefits that such an expansion may bring, we firmly believe that the negative impact on our environment, quality of life, local ecosystem, archaeological significance, watershed function, vulnerable species and neighborhood livelihood, far outweigh any potential gains.</p> <p>The following are some (but by no means all) of the likely impacts, effects and outcomes of an expansion of the quarry area as proposed:</p> <p>Archaeological Significance:</p> <p>The area under consideration for quarry expansion holds significant historical and archaeological value. Our community takes pride in its rich cultural heritage, and the potential destruction of any artifacts, historical sites, or indigenous remains would be a tremendous loss. These resources are not only a connection to our past but also an educational asset for future generations.</p> <p>Watershed Function:</p>

The quarry expansion could potentially disrupt the delicate balance of our local watershed. The quarry's excavation and runoff could lead to erosion, sedimentation, and contamination of our water bodies. This could harm aquatic ecosystems, disrupt natural water flow patterns, and increase the risk of flooding downstream. The proposed footprint of the site impinges upon the delicate and untouched waterway, marshland and mature native forest.

We must prioritise the protection of our water and forest resources for the well-being of both our environment and our community.

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Moreover, the environmental repercussions of this expansion cannot be ignored. The disturbance to the natural landscape and habitats could threaten the local flora and fauna, potentially leading to the extinction of some species.

As a majority of the significant number of inhabitants of this community derive their potable water from rainfall collection, the release of harmful particulates and pollutants into the air and water contaminate our natural resources, affecting not only our health but also the health of future generations.

Furthermore, the increased transportation of materials to and from the quarry would strain our already congested and damaged roadway, posing a safety hazard for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. This could also lead to increased maintenance costs for the local authorities, burdening taxpayers and diverting funds from more pressing community needs.

In light of these concerns, we urge you not to approve the proposal for quarry expansion. Instead, we

encourage the exploration of alternative economic development strategies that prioritize sustainability, the well-being of residents, and the preservation of our environment. By investing in industries that align with these values, we can ensure a brighter and more promising future for our community.