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Notice of person's wish to be party to proceedings

Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991

To: The Registrar, Environment Court, Auckland

We, Bart Joseph Graham & Nicola Kelly Graham, wish to be a party to the following proceedings:

ENV-2026-AKL-000155 – Bellingham Quarries Limited v Far North District Council, an appeal concerning provisions of the Proposed Far North District Plan Decisions Version, including Mineral Extraction Zone rules MEZ-R4, MEZ-R5 and MEZ-R7.

Basis for joining

☒ We have an interest in the proceeding that is greater than the public generally.

We own/occupy property at 975c Puketona Road, Haruru, Kerikeri, which is adjacent to the proposed Puketona Quarry / Mineral Extraction Zone. We may be directly affected by the outcome of this appeal, as the provisions under appeal relate to the expansion of existing mineral extraction activities and new mineral extraction within Mineral Extraction Zones. Our particular concerns include noise, dust (including dust settling on our roof), vibration, water quality, residential amenity, ecological effects, and cultural or archaeological values. These concerns are specific to our property and circumstances and are greater than those experienced by the public generally.

Trade competition: We are not a trade competitor for the purposes of the relevant Resource Management Act provisions.

Parts of the proceedings we are not interested in

We are interested in:

- MEZ-R4 – Expansion of existing mineral extraction activity;
- MEZ-R5 – New mineral extraction activity;
- MEZ-R7 – Activities not otherwise provided for;
- the proposed deletion of the 10% increased-extraction cap and 10 metre boundary setback; and
- any consequential amendments within the scope of the appeal affecting those provisions.

My position

I oppose the proposed changes because they could allow greater expansion and intensification of mineral extraction activities within the Mineral Extraction Zone, while reducing the safeguards and controls currently provided by the Decisions Version. In particular, I am concerned that removing or reducing



existing limits and setbacks could increase the potential for adverse effects on surrounding properties and the wider environment. These effects may include noise, dust, vibration, traffic, water quality, ecological impacts, and impacts on rural and residential amenity. I consider it important that appropriate limits, setbacks, assessment requirements, and Council oversight are retained so that the effects of any existing or proposed extraction activity can be properly assessed and managed.

Reasons

- The proposed relief would weaken existing safeguards and controls for mineral extraction within the Mineral Extraction Zones.
- Changing the activities to Controlled status could limit the Council's ability to refuse consent where significant site-specific adverse effects may arise.
- Removing the 10% extraction limit and 10 metre setback could allow quarrying to occur on a larger scale and closer to neighbouring properties and sensitive environments.
- We are located near the Puketona Quarry, with nearby residential properties, wetlands, waterways within the Waitangi catchment, indigenous biodiversity, and cultural and archaeological values that may be affected.
- Ventia NZ Operations Limited's involvement in the appeal and specific reference to the Puketona Quarry establishes a direct connection between the appeal and our property and interests.
- We support retaining the Decisions Version safeguards to ensure potential adverse effects are properly assessed and appropriately managed.

Mediation

I agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Signed:  

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