

Before the Hearing Commissioners
Appointed by Canterbury Regional Council and Selwyn District Council

Under The Resource Management Act 1991

In the matter of an application by Southern Screenworks Limited for land use
consents and discharge permits associated with the extension
of, and changes to, existing quarry operations at 50 Bealey
Road, Kirwee

Statement of evidence of Alan Leslie King

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Qualification and experience

- 1 My full name is Alan Leslie King.
- 2 I am the Director of Southern Screenworks Limited (**Southern Screenworks**) and I am authorised to provide this evidence on its behalf. I have held this role since I established the company with my business partner, Brett Swain, in 1994.
- 3 I have been in the quarrying industry for over 30 years. Prior to establishing Southern Screenworks, I was an agricultural contractor and farmer within the Selwyn district.
- 4 I have a strong personal connection to the Selwyn District as I was born, raised and educated here before going on to relocate and expand our business here in 2013. I proudly held the role of President of the Lincoln Rugby Club from 2012-2015 and was on the committee for 20 years.
- 5 I hold a membership with the Institute of Quarrying New Zealand (IOQ) and Southern Screenworks is a member of the Aggregates and Quarrying Association of New Zealand (AQA).
- 6 As a director of Southern Screenworks, I oversee and support all aspects of the business. This includes both the quarry and workshop at Aylesbury, the fleet of truck and trailers, mobile screening, crushing plant, and associated equipment that we use for various different aspects of the business such as river extraction and our off-site local and international projects. As director I have a strategic overview and management of business operations, I am a hands-on when required within the business and help within the quarry, workshop and as a driver. If the quarry is expanded, I will continue in my current role to oversee operations across the whole site.

Scope of evidence

- 7 My evidence addresses the following matters:
 - (a) The establishment of Southern Screenworks and its evolution over the last 30 years, including the scope of its current operations, its employees, and the contribution it makes to the community;
 - (b) The Aylesbury quarry and cleanfill, including the history of the quarry and its current operations;
 - (c) The rationale for seeking to expand the quarry and alter the conditions of the existing consent; and
 - (d) Comments on matters raised in submissions.

Overview of Southern Screenworks

Establishment and growth of Southern Screenworks

- 8 Southern Screenworks was established in 1994 by Brett Swain and I, two young men who had energy and a vision. The idea to start a business was born while we were working together out on the Waimakariri River as employees for a sand screening business. We both knew we wanted to start something of our own so we created Southern Screenworks and through hard work and dedication over many years we built it from the ground up.
- 9 Southern Screenworks started out as an aggregate screening business. In the beginning, we screened river gravels for local contractors and for the councils directly. We purchased our first crushing plant in 1999, which enabled us to develop into a mobile crushing and screening business. This means that we take the plant and the equipment to the source of aggregate, and process and sell aggregate from there.
- 10 Often, the source of aggregate is a river bed, and we hold a large number of consents and authorisations to extract gravel from river beds throughout the Canterbury region. However, sometimes we crush and screen on other sites, such as other quarries, council pits, commercial developments and private land. The mobile crushers are consented under CRC171920 for air discharge to be used anywhere within Canterbury provided that it is not used within 100m of sensitive receivers.
- 11 The mobile crushing plants enabled us to expand our business operations, and it supported the needs of our growing customer base, particularly with the Selwyn District. Before we developed Aylesbury Quarry, we extracted the gravel on demand for our clients and contractors. Back then, we did not extract and stock gravel to sell to 'walk-in' customers.
- 12 At that time, we leased a small yard in Yaldhurst, which was used for repairs, quality checking and storing the plant and other equipment. As the business continued to grow, we needed more space for our trucks, machinery and a dedicated workshop. We purchased the Aylesbury land in 2011 and sought consents for a workshop and quarry. This enabled us to support our business with a year-round supply of aggregate and diversify with the cleanfill operation, as well as develop a fully equipped and purpose-built workshop for our team. The importance of the Aylesbury Quarry to our business is addressed further below.
- 13 From its inception as a two-man operation in 1994, the company has significantly expanded. At the peak of our business, we employed 48 people to service the 2010 and 2011 Christchurch earthquake recovery and the 2016 Kaikoura earthquake

recovery. We currently employ approximately 30 employees, all of whom live in Canterbury and most live in the Selwyn district.

Key clients and projects

- 14 Southern Screenworks partners with large contractors (for example, Downer NZ and HEB Construction) to supply aggregate for infrastructure and subdivision developments, new roads and important roading maintenance contracts for local Councils. We also support the local farming and forestry industry and smaller commercial contractors, as well as others in the local community, including lifestyle blocks.
- 15 Our business brand and experience is well-respected within the industry and we pride ourselves on our reputation to provide quality over quantity services while respecting the natural environment that we operate in.
- 16 We have the facilities, staff and experience to operate in challenging remote environments, and can produce compliant materials to meet the specification of the project. The heavy plant and machinery we use is modern and up-to-date, as we consistently invest in new plant and machinery to ensure it is efficient, reliable and technologically adept.
- 17 We have serviced the Selwyn District consistently for the last 30 years, but we now also service clients across New Zealand and the Pacific. Our primary focus is on the Canterbury, West Coast and Pacific regions. Our strong reputation in the industry and specialist skills has given us unique opportunities in the last 10 years to work alongside tier one construction companies in the Chatham Islands, Samoa and Niue. We have also provided technical support in Nauru for MBIE funded projects.
- 18 Examples of our involvement in local projects include:
 - (a) Pegasus Lake (2008 – 2009, North Canterbury) - Southern Screenworks screened all the rock required to line the lake, which involved working with local iwi through the Accidental Discovery Protocol process.
 - (b) Lineside Road sewage treatment plant upgrade (1998, Rangiora) - Southern Screenworks supplied 10,000m³ of various sizes of material for the upgrade of this sewage treatment plant.
 - (c) Jade Stadium (2008, Christchurch City) - Southern Screenworks produced approximately 25,000m³ of high specification ballast material for the stadium piles from the Winstone Aggregates quarry in Yaldhurst;

- (d) Southern Motorway, Stage 1 (2011-2012, Christchurch) - Southern Screenworks produced approximately 40,000m³ of high specification stabilised materials for the sub-base of the new Southern Motorway.
 - (e) Otira Viaduct (1997) – We screened 10,000m³ materials for the abutment in challenging conditions in the National Park.
- 19 We also supply many larger contractors (e.g. HEB Construction, Fulton Hogan and Corde) who undertake ongoing maintenance of local roads and state highways in Canterbury. We used to supply Selwyn, Waimakariri and Hurunui District Councils when they undertook road maintenance themselves, but now we supply the contractors who do that work for the councils. Some of our contracts to supply aggregate for roading maintenance in the Selwyn District have been held for the last 25 years and we have been the preferred supplier to the Waimakariri and Hurunui Districts for the last 15 years. We also supply Downer NZ and Isaac Construction with gravel for the maintenance of state highways in Canterbury.
- 20 Southern Screenworks also played a crucial role following the Christchurch Earthquakes. The Aylesbury Quarry had not been established at that stage, but we played a key role by assisting other quarries using our mobile crushing and screening operations to ramp up their supply of aggregates for the recovery to help keep up with demand.
- 21 Outside of Canterbury, Southern Screenworks has supported the West Coast region for the last 20 years, producing road base materials, high specification KiwiRail ballast and feed for chip production for sealing crews throughout the West Coast. We also supplied 25,000m³ of fill and base course material to build up and fortify sections in the Milford Sound Township in Fiordland (2011) that were susceptible to flooding. In 2014 – 2016, we supported Winstone Aggregates to supply sufficient material for the Kapiti Expressway in Otaki. We produced 145,000m³ of high-spec M4 aggregates and 90,000m³ of concrete aggregates for that expressway in order to enable Winstones Aggregates to meet the demand required for this project.
- 22 Internationally, we have been fortunate to be involved in several infrastructure projects in the South Pacific, including:
- (a) Chatham Island Airport (2021 – 2023) – we were the screening and crushing contractor for Downer, producing over 70,000 m³ of basecourse and asphalt aggregate from the Waitaha Basalt Quarry to lengthen and strengthen the CIAL runway and expand and strengthen the apron.
 - (b) Chatham Island Wharf (2016 – 2018) - we were the screening and crushing contractor for the enhancement of Waitangi Wharf, which is essential infrastructure for the Chatham and Pitt Islands. This involved developing the

Ohinemama Quarry, producing over 120,000 m³ of graded material for the wharf and 25,000m³ of roading maintenance material, and returning the quarried area back to pastoral land.

- (c) Faleolo International Airport Upgrade, Samoa (2017 – 2018) - we supplied over 70,000m³ of asphalt aggregates for the construction of a new runway extension, expansion of the existing apron, a new taxiway, and overlay of the existing runway. This involved the establishment and disestablishment of heavy plant and machinery and producing materials in isolated and challenging environments.
- (d) Hanan International Airport, Niue (2022 – 2024) - we provided 30,000m³ of asphalt aggregates to overlay the runway, taxiway and apron.

Approach to business

- 23 As a local company, relationships are at the centre of our business – whether that be with customers, employees, suppliers and subcontractors, or within the local community.
- 24 Our success is founded in a strong commitment to building trust between our clients and the Southern Screenworks' team. We understand that to be successful in today's environment you must partner with reliable industry leaders who understand how to deliver quality outcomes and the profitable completion of projects in an efficient and timely manner. In doing so we build stronger businesses together through good cooperation and in understanding each other's business needs. As a result, some of our clients have been with us for over 30 years.
- 25 We prioritise employing the best people from our local community. We look after them, and provide ongoing training within a safe and supportive working environment. We empower our staff to achieve excellence in their chosen field, fostering a culture that empowers employees to improve quality and efficiency. Many of our employees have been with us for a long time.
- 26 We are committed, as a community-oriented business, to operating in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way. Our plant and equipment are designed to operate to ensure maximum fuel efficiency to minimise our carbon footprint and effects on the local environment. Our vehicle fleet and wide range of heavy machinery (both on-road and off-road) is under constant review and is one of the major factors for employee satisfaction in terms of the comfort it provides and the low impact that it has on the environment.
- 27 Southern Screenworks has a strong community focus and desire to help others. We consider ourselves to be an integral part of the community and are proud to supply and support local businesses and contribute where we can to local

organisations and initiatives. Examples of our contributions to the community include:

- (a) Donations to local schools, such as sand for sandpits (Darfield Primary School and Glentunnel School) and various materials for working bees (Greendale School);
 - (b) Providing opportunities for engagement with students to showcase career opportunities through site-visits;
 - (c) Sponsorships, including the ParaFed Canterbury Junior Sports Person of the Year (a not-for-profit para sports provider for individuals with physical or visual impairments) and the W A Boyes Contracting Limited (ITM) team in the NZ Marathon Motor Racing event (2020) and the Worlds Marathon (2023);
 - (d) Donations to other organisations, such as a pot hole repair package (in conjunction with GRAB Earthwork Solutions Limited) to the Malvern Mullet shave-off (2020) to support those with Motor Neurone Disease, monthly contributions to the West Coast/Canterbury Air Rescue and other contributions to the Lions Clubs and the South Island Agricultural Field Day, held in Kirwee.
- 28 Over the past four years Southern Screenworks has contributed over \$40,000 to various non-profit organisations.
- 29 Our commitment to our communities and the environment was recognised in 2018 at the New Zealand Quarry Conference, when we won the prestigious AQA Gold Mimico Environmental and Community Award for the Ohinemama Quarry operation in the Chatham Islands.
- 30 We believe that relationships are critical for success and we are committed to maintaining them. That is why we have listened to the concerns raised by our neighbours and made changes to the proposal to address those concerns, even where our advisors did not consider that necessary from an environmental effects perspective.

Overview of Aylesbury Quarry

Establishment of quarry

- 31 As mentioned above, by 2011 Southern Screenworks had outgrown our base in Yaldhurst. We needed a bigger site due to the demand for our services and the need for speciality products after the earthquakes. Brett and I decided it would be better for the company if we could own our headquarters, and it would enable us to build a workshop that was fit for purpose to support our growing business. We

were also looking for land we could use to establish a quarry in order to both diversify our business and provide a year-round reliable supply of aggregate for our clients.

- 32 We wanted to establish somewhere that would enable us good access to our clients in the Selwyn, Waimakariri and Hurunui Districts, and on the West Coast. One of the reasons the Aylesbury site was selected because it was accessible to State Highways 1 and 73, and the local communities of Darfield, Kirwee, West Melton and Rolleston which were growing significantly.
- 33 The Aylesbury site was also next to an old SDC quarry, which had historically been used for maintenance aggregate for district roads. We therefore knew that the aggregate resource in the area was good and the Aylesbury site was virgin pastoral land. At the time, there were also limited residential properties in the area and the site was surrounded by like-minded farmers. Given the location of the site and surrounding land uses, we could also see the possibility of expanding in the future if the business continued to be successful.
- 34 We obtained resource consents from SDC and ECan in 2011 to establish the Aylesbury quarry and cleanfill, along with Southern Screenworks' base including a workshop and office space. We also obtained a lease from SDC to rehabilitate the ex-quarry land with cleanfill, and use the rehabilitated land for the purposes of storing machinery etc.
- 35 Since moving to Aylesbury, we have been able to expand our capabilities to maintain and repair our own plant and equipment with qualified mechanics and engineers. The Aylesbury Quarry is our only permanent site and Southern Screenworks has invested heavily into this purpose-built site which works closely alongside the quarry operation on a day to day basis.
- 36 Over the last 11 years, we have worked hard to create a tidy, well organised quarry site, with aesthetically pleasing grounds that are sensitive to the surrounding rural environment. We have established shelter belts around the perimeter of the property and have undertaken native landscaping at the entrance. We pride ourselves on the appearance of the quarry.
- 37 The site runs parallel with State Highway 73 and is screened along State Highway 73 by trees alongside the existing quarry. The boundary with Bealey Road is also landscaped, and passers-by would be unlikely to notice the quarry until they reach the signage at the site entrance. Quarrying operations themselves are set back from the site access, with visitors first encountering the office building and workshop area upon entrance.

Overview of quarry and cleanfill operation

- 38 Ms Bonnington's evidence addresses how the existing quarry and cleanfill operation generally works.
- 39 In summary:
- (a) we prepare an area (or stage) for quarrying by stripping the topsoil and storing it in bunds or stockpiles to use for rehabilitation later;
 - (b) then we extract the aggregate using excavators and front-end loaders – we do not use explosives;
 - (c) the aggregate is then crushed and screened using our mobile crushing and screening plant, and stockpiled on the quarry floor;
 - (d) once aggregate in that stage is fully extracted, it is backfilled with imported cleanfill and rehabilitated.

Management of quarry

- 40 Day to day operations at the quarry are managed by the Contracts and Operations Manager, Michael McCulloch. Michael has occupied this role for 2.5 years. He has a background in construction and mining and has experience with managing employees and customers. Michael is currently studying towards his A Grade Quarry manager's certificate. His qualifications and experience have made Michael an integral part of the business as he has a good understanding of what is required based on his knowledge and personal experience.
- 41 Environmental and compliance aspects of the quarry and cleanfill operation, including health and safety, are overseen by Sarah Bonnington, Environmental and Compliance Manager. Sarah has been employed at Southern Screenworks for 6.5 years. She has also prepared a statement of evidence which sets out in more detail how the quarry operates on a day-to-day basis, including on-site effects management and how the company addresses environmental and health and safety matters.
- 42 We also have a Transport Manager who has been employed for 16 years. He operates all our heavy plant and machinery and has solid and sound understanding of our business and the wider contracting industry. He manages our fleet of heavy and light truck and trailer units from permits and certifications to maintenance, planning routes and scheduling deliveries from our Aylesbury quarry.
- 43 Our Workshop Coordinator has been employed for 2 years and ensures the smooth running and all logistical aspects of the workshop operation. He manages the

resource, scheduling, repairs and maintenance and associated administrative tasks to keep our plant and equipment in good operational condition.

- 44 We also have an office administrator and support administrator who ensure all correspondence is handled, day to day operations are managed and management systems are accurate and up to date. This includes handling financial records and transactions and ensuring financial and production reporting is completed regularly.
- 45 Southern Screenworks follows industry best practice guidelines to ensure both the health and safety of the staff and site visitors, and to appropriately manage the effects of quarrying such as traffic, noise, dust and visual effects. We adopt high site management standards, and we actively strive to be good neighbours. Ms Bonnington will address this in more detail, but we take a proactive approach to managing the effects of our quarry operations. For example, we have created bunding and planting in specific areas for screening purposes and have recently reconfigured the site to move some of the noisier parts of our work further from neighbours, as a result of what we have heard during consultation with them. Our approach is to respect and fairly treat our neighbours in a manner similar to how we would like to be treated.

Importance of Aylesbury Quarry to Southern Screenworks

- 46 Our core business is mobile crushing and screening, but the quarry holds a vital role in our business as a whole from which we base our entire business operation. Mobile screening, crushing plants, and heavy machinery are serviced and repaired at the workshop before being deployed out to remote locations.
- 47 In addition, our local customer base and wider community rely upon us to have a good range of aggregates ready and available for their requirements at all times, and in reaction to adverse weather events and other emergencies. The geographical location of the Quarry is important and supports a wide rural area and roading network through many local communities, and we are a key supplier to many local construction and commercial business operations. There is a growing need for aggregates to support commercial business activities in the area and so the quarry operation and location helps underpin economic growth and expansion of our local businesses and communities. The cost of transportation for our products is significant for our local clients who need to constantly monitor and minimise road use and transport costs and therefore must source these materials locally.
- 48 The location of our Aylesbury Quarry makes us accessible to State Highways 1 and 73 providing excellent transport linkages throughout the region and into other regions, such as the West Coast. This location enables trucks moving to and from the quarry to stick to arterial routes as far as practicable.

- 49 The quarry produces base course and drainage material which support local primary industries, local contractors for building house foundations, sheds, and tier one construction companies for state highways to allow them to provide for the local sealed and unsealed network. It also produces speciality products for landscaping and horse arenas, and assists with regional growth requirements as there is an increasing demand for gravels for mostly residential purposes in Darfield, West Melton, Kirwee and Rolleston.
- 50 Our primary client base relies on 'year-round supply' of aggregate for these types of projects. This can only be guaranteed from a dry land quarry because there are inherent limitations in river extraction. For example, rivers are inaccessible during floods, for a period of time (sometimes up to many weeks) after big rain events or during bird nesting seasons. Many river consents also have minimum bed level conditions which restrict the ability to extract. A further hurdle for Southern Screenworks is the 'over allocation' of the gravel resource within many Canterbury rivers, which can make it very difficult, costly and time consuming to obtain these resource consents. Our clients need an uninterrupted and reliable supply.
- 51 Without Aylesbury Quarry, Southern Screenworks would need to find an alternative source of dry-land aggregate in order to provide a consistent supply to our clients, including contractors. Without that, we would not be able to serve our longstanding bread and butter clients, or the local clients that we have built up over many years, such as the farming, forestry and lifestyle block clientele. Local councils would also be impacted in important emergency work situations.
- 52 The value of our existing investment in the Aylesbury Quarry, including the land, plant and machinery that are based in this location, is in excess of \$20 million. This is a substantial business and financial commitment to the existing location, which would never be relocated.

Proposed expansion of the quarry

Overview of proposal

- 53 Southern Screenworks is seeking to expand the quarry onto the neighbouring site, which we have recently purchased in December 2023. The new site is approximately 66ha, the majority of which will continue to be leased to the neighbouring farmer until it is required for quarrying. We intend to keep at least 20ha reserved for quarrying at all times. We expect that this site will provide aggregate extraction for at least the next 40 years, depending on demand.
- 54 Ms Bonnington's evidence will explain the proposal in more detail, including the proposed staging of the quarry activities. However, in essence, we are only seeking to continue to operate our business in the way that we currently do. The intention is to extract aggregate in the same manner as our present operation. The site

access and internal site layout on the current site will remain generally the same – although some bunds and landscaping will need to change over time to enable the expansion.

- 55 The main difference is that we do not propose to import cleanfill to the extension area, other than for the purposes of rehabilitation. Cleanfill will however continue to occur within our existing quarry pit. The open area required for cleanfilling at any one time is relatively limited and areas may be grassed until they are required for cleanfilling.
- 56 While the final land use has not been determined, at this stage we expect that it will simply be returned to grazing or similar. Regrassing has already occurred on part of the existing site.
- 57 We also propose some modest changes to our existing consents, including to reflect changes in the district plan (i.e. to noise limits), to ensure consistency with the quarry expansion and provide us with a bit more flexibility in our operations while still appropriately managing effects. Ms Bonnington will also address these changes and the reasons we have applied for them.
- 58 To be sure that the proposal is appropriate and sound, we have engaged a team of experts to provide advice on mitigating any effects. Where our experts have provided recommendations in respect of further mitigation measures to manage effects, these have been incorporated into the proposal.

Rationale for application and benefits of proposal

- 59 Aggregate resource on the current quarry site will likely be exhausted this year. For that reason, Southern Screenworks purchased the adjacent 66ha of land in December 2023 so that we could continue to quarry in this location. We know there is a good resource here, and we have invested heavily in the infrastructure needed to support a quarrying operation and business.
- 60 Aggregate is a critical part of every-day life. As supplies have been depleted following the demand arising from the Christchurch earthquakes, quarry operators have needed to source additional sites to meet demand and ensure continuity of supply across greater Christchurch and Selwyn district. Even putting aside the demand from the earthquakes, there is an underlying need for more aggregate to support population growth, and commercial business expansion.
- 61 Aggregate supply for important community infrastructure and for the ongoing growth of new residential areas around Selwyn would be limited without access to aggregate from a local dry land quarry because of the limitations with river extraction. The ability to provide aggregate in a cost-efficient manner is extremely important, with road transport costs a major impacting factor for local clients and

communities. The Aylesbury site enables the provision of high-quality, cost-competitive aggregate to the local and wider community.

- 62 Being able to continue to meet demand from our existing site also has significant benefits for Southern Screenworks. We need both dry land and river run gravel sources to operate in tandem in order to reliably provide our clients with the resources they require. In addition, the site is close to our customers, growth in the district and wider regions and has good transport linkages, as I have previously mentioned.
- 63 The significant sunk cost, including for new road construction and heavy vehicle access, the installation of infrastructure services, and the removal of overburden, parking areas, the workshop and office facilities and on site bunding and planting, is not readily transferable to another site. The timeline and costs of quarry consenting which needs to be carefully managed and financially provided for over a number of prior years.
- 64 Extending the existing quarry is therefore more economically efficient than seeking a new greenfields site. It would enable allow us to continue to maximise the substantial fixed investment already made at the site, defer the costs of consenting and establishing a new quarry, and minimise disruption to operations and supply for us, our customers and local communities. Given this, extension is the only viable option for the business, with limited resource now remaining.

Written approvals and response to submitters

- 65 Ms Bonnington's evidence will address the approach that we took to consultation with neighbours on this proposal. We have good relationships with most of our neighbours, and we were able to obtain written approvals from many of them. As a result of consultation with neighbours, we agreed to purchase 158 Bealey Road, given the proximity of that property to a large part of the expansion area. 158 Bealey Road is now owned by a Southern Screenworks-related entity.
- 66 Only four of our neighbours submitted on the application. We requested that our experts advise us whether amendments were required to ensure that any potential effects on those neighbours are acceptable. We also asked what we could reasonably do to address the concerns raised in those submissions, even if changes were not necessary to obtain consent. We then requested a pre-hearing meeting with the three neighbours who wanted to be heard to see whether we could include specific requirements that would address their concerns.
- 67 As a result of the above, we have offered the measures set out in Ms Bonnington's evidence in relation to 23 Bealey Road, 137 Bealey Road and 153 Bealey Road. I confirm that Southern Screenworks will accept those conditions requiring setbacks, limitations on the timing and location of crushing and additional planting and

bunding. These changes, and the purchase of 158 Bealey Road, represent a significant financial and tangible commitment from Southern Screenworks to its neighbours. They impose limitations on the land we have purchased to expand our operation and were therefore not taken lightly. However, they do reflect our values as a company and our desire to be a good neighbour and community focussed company.

- 68 Southern Screenworks also contacted KiwiRail and the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) to address their submissions. We have been able to reach agreement with KiwiRail on a condition to limit heavy vehicle movements. We have also proposed conditions to address NZTA's concerns relating to dust. I confirm that Southern Screenworks will accept the conditions set out in Ms Bonnington's evidence in relation to limits on heavy vehicle movements and limits on quarrying activities near State Highway 73 in high winds and dry conditions.
- 69 Te Taumutu Rūnanga also made a submission. We have agreed to include an accidental discovery protocol and we are happy to consider incorporating indigenous planting where appropriate. However, we do not agree to limit the consent duration to 20 years because that would unnecessarily restrict extraction of the resource and/or would require a significantly more intense activity in order to extract aggregate in a shorter timeframe. We did indicate that we are happy to facilitate ongoing consultation with them if they so wish.

Matters raised in submissions

- 70 I wish to clarify a couple of matter raised in the submissions.
- 71 Southern Screenworks had initially filed an application to expand the quarry into Stage 1 (1.84 ha) and include a managed fill facility on part of the existing site. That proposal was subsequently withdrawn, pending further investigation of the managed fill component. We subsequently purchased the land for Stages 2 through 5 and filed this separate application for the quarry extension so that we could secure the aggregate resource and provide us with certainty for the business.
- 72 When the Fast Track legislation was being proposed, we also took the opportunity to apply to be part of that and our application was accepted. We have not made any decisions at this stage on whether we will make an application for a managed fill facility – either via the Fast Track Act or the Resource Management Act processes.
- 73 I also want to address the assertion that Southern Screenworks is not operating in compliance with its current consents. Southern Screenworks inadvertently accepted material that was not cleanfill. This occurred because of a mix up of materials that occurred at another site. ECan initially issued an abatement notice,

however Southern Screenworks took appropriate measures to obtain relevant consents and the abatement notice has since been cancelled.

Alan Leslie King

31 March 2025