

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

**Submission on an Application for Land Use Consents (RC245428 & RC245429)
By Southern Screenworks Limited**

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Address of proposal

50 Bealey Road, Aylesbury (Aylesbury Quarry). The land parcels which are the subject of this application are legally described as Lot 1 DP 354364, Lot 2 DP 596079, Res 4005, and Res 1038.

Description of proposal

Southern Screenworks Limited (Screenworks) seek to extend their existing quarrying operations at their Aylesbury Quarry (approx. 11.5 ha) into approximately 66 ha of additional land adjoining the site. Southern Screenworks propose to extend into Lot 2 DP 596079 (64.5 ha) and Res 4005 (1.84 ha) which is located adjacent to the Midland Line.

Screenworks has applied for land use consent RC245428 to expand the existing quarry. Additionally, Screenworks has applied for land use consent RC245429 to amend the conditions of RC125013 to allow for:



- The removal of quarry walls, batters, bunds, and existing landscaping to allow Screenworks to work from the existing quarry into the expansion stages, allowing extraction to continue below ground level and as a continuation of the existing operation; and
- Process material from the expansion area within the existing quarry; and
- Amend the frequency with which processing can occur; and
- Commence works at 07:00 rather than 07:30, to align with the Partially Operative Plan's daytime hours for noise; and
- Other amendments, and any consequential amendments, to the consent conditions to reflect the proposed expanded quarrying activity.

Screenworks state that, *"Heavy vehicle movements will be within the volumes currently associated with the existing quarry, as the expansion will essentially replace the existing resource once it has been exhausted and there will be no increase in the scale or intensity of traffic effects as a result of this proposal"* (AEE, Section 6.2, Para 7, Page 6). The existing quarry has on average approximately 40 to 60 heavy vehicle movements per day and up to a maximum of 120 heavy vehicle movements, as was proposed by the original consent applications for the quarry (RC115008). In addition, there is light vehicle movement to and from the quarry daily, on days of operation.

KiwiRail could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

KiwiRail's Submission is:

Pursuant to Section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), KiwiRail Holdings Limited (KiwiRail) hereby makes this neutral submission to an application by Southern Screenworks Limited for land use consents to expand the Aylesbury Quarry and amend the conditions of RC125013.

KiwiRail's submission relates to the Level Crossing on Bealey Road near the junction of five converging roads (State Highway 73, Bealey Road, Aylesbury Road, Railway Road, and Station Road), in particular the impacts of the continued vehicle movements from the quarry operations on the level crossing and surrounding road users.

The application proposes that there will be no increase in vehicle movements proposed from what currently exists or what was anticipated in the original applications in 2011 (RC115008) of 40 to 60 heavy vehicle movements per day, with up to a maximum of 120 heavy vehicle movements. It is noted that there are no conditions which ensure the applicant restricts the quarry operation to these numbers. The application also notes that there will be some light vehicle movements on operation days, expected light vehicle numbers have not been provided.

This neutral submission is based on correspondence received on 17/12/2024 from Bligh Planning and Engagement Limited confirming that there is no increase in vehicle movements proposed.

Bligh Planning and Engagement Limited in an email correspondence on 17/12/2024 proffered the following condition:

"Heavy vehicle movements associated with quarrying operations shall not exceed an average of 40 return trips (80 movements), or a maximum volume of 60 return trips (120 movements) per day."

KiwiRail supports the inclusion of the proffered condition limiting the number of vehicle movements associated with the activity.

Based on the information in the application, KiwiRail has not considered that a Level Crossing Safety Impact Assessment is required with regard to the level crossing at Bealey Road at this point in time.

However, this may change if during the processing of this application information comes to light with regard to the total volume of vehicle movements that will access the Bealey Road level crossing as a result of the quarry proposal.

KiwiRail seeks the following:

KiwiRail seek to be advised if the proposed vehicle movements are to change throughout the course of this application process or any future developments concerning the Aylesbury Quarry so that the impacts of the quarry activity on the level crossing can be appropriately considered and a Level Crossing Safety Impact Assessment be commissioned, should that be required.

KiwiRail does not wish to be heard, however, this may change depending on information that arises in the course of the processing of the application.

Yours faithfully,

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20/12/2024