

Submitter Statement: Geoff Volckman on behalf of:

- Karamea Lime Co Ltd (Submitter 614)
- Peter Langford (Submitter 615)
- Nathan Simpson (Further Submitter 156)
- Geoff Volckman (Further Submitter 157)
- Kathleen Beveridge (Further Submitter 158)
- Maurice Beveridge (Further Submitter 159)
- Frano Volckman (Further Submitter 160)
- Tom Murton (Further Submitter 161)
- Maryann Volckman (Further Submitter 162)
- Kylie Volckman (Further Submitter 163)
- Roger Gibson (Further Submitter 173)

1 My full name is Geoff Volkman.

2 I am a Director of the Karamea Lime Co Ltd (KLC) and have held that position since July 2021. I am authorised to speak on behalf of the company. KLC made a submission on the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan on a number of matters, seeking a more permissive framework for mineral extraction and farming operations. I am also authorised to speak on behalf of a number of submitters, who have submitted in their personal capacity. This includes other directors of KLC, and a large number of farmers in the Buller area who rely on our operation.

3 KLC is a New Zealand company, owned by local Buller farmers who are the primary users of the quarry products. I am one of six directors, all of whom have an interest in farming in the Karamea area.

4 KLC operates a small lime quarry at Fenian Road near Karamea. The quarry is partially on land owned by KLC, and partially occupies a Quarry Reserve gazetted in 1892. The original Gazette notice is attached to my statement.

5 The lime quarry has been in operation since 1954. It occupies an area of approximately 3.4ha, and involves both the quarrying and crushing/processing of limestone into limestone products. The majority of limestone resources surrounding Karamea are within the Kahurangi National Park, or other Department of Conservation administered land. This is one of the few areas containing limestone and privately owned/reserved for this purpose.

6 The quarry operates under a number of resource consents from the West Coast Regional Council (renewed in 2020), and has a mining permit issued by New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals.

7 The quarry employs 2 people and operates 7 days a week for approximately 6 months of the year. The rest of the year the quarry operates as and when demand requires. The directors are actively involved in the quarry operations.

8 The quarry currently extracts 9,000 tonnes of limestone per annum. The primary use of this product is high quality lime for farms in the Buller area. We have approximately 50 customers

within the Buller area. Lime is a bulk product, which is a cost effective, natural fertiliser which is an important part of most farm nutrient management regimes.

- 9 The cost of obtaining lime increases significantly as the distance between the extraction and end user increases. Karamea is an isolated community, with a single road providing access to the area. Aside from our quarry, the closest alternative source for lime for farmland in Karamea is Murchison – 200km away. The additional cost per truckload to source lime from outside of Karamea would be approximately \$65 per ton. This would add a significant cost to farmers in Karamea, who already have to source the majority of farm products from outside of the area. It also provides back loads for trucking firms to cart out of the district which in turn helps keep freight prices lower and reduces carbon emissions. I estimate at least 233 truck and trailer unit loads would need to come into Karamea annually if lime had to be carted in. This has been calculated to produce an unnecessary 325 tons of carbon emissions.
- 10 The Karamea and Westport areas contain a significant amount of farmland, including areas that have been identified in the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan as Highly Productive Land. The productive potential of this land is reliant on the continued application of cost effective nutrients such as lime. It is vitally important to the Buller farming community to have a local source of lime.
- 11 Our quarry was partially zoned Mineral Extraction Zone, however one part of the quarry was inadvertently left as General Rural (Lot 1 DP 483059). We have asked in our submission that this error be corrected. The TTPP committee have recognised this error in their submission also and sought that the zoning be changed. The parcel which was left out is outlined in red in Figure 1 below.



Figure 1: Proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan zoning

- 12 The site was not identified as an Outstanding Natural Landscape, however a number of submitters have asked for the quarry site to be identified as an Outstanding Natural Landscape. We cannot understand why a quarry site would qualify as outstanding, and we are concerned that if the site is identified as outstanding, this would subject our existing, lawfully established activity to additional regulatory burden going forward. Over 70 submitters opposed an Outstanding Natural Landscape designation over the quarry area. These submissions come primarily from the farming community of Buller, who would be impacted by such a decision.
- 13 We have engaged a Landscape Architect to evaluate the site and provide evidence to this hearing. His view is that Karamea Lime Works is not a Outstanding Natural Landscape and also not in a Coastal Environment and therefore the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan should be amended to show otherwise. We respectfully request that the hearings panel retain the Outstanding Natural Landscape overlay as notified in relation to our site – i.e. that the site is not identified as outstanding.
- 14 Quarries generally produce high volume, low value products, which are required to be located close to the end user of the product they produce to remain viable. Compliance and regulatory costs for small quarries like ours can quickly eat up any margin and affect the ongoing viability of the operation. It is important that the Proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan recognises and provides for the ongoing operation of this long established quarry.

Geoff Volckman

11 March 2024

Lands permanently reserved.

JAMES PRENDERGAST,
Administrator of the Government.

WHEREAS by the two hundred and twenty-seventh section of "The Land Act, 1885," it is enacted that the Governor may from time to time, either by general or particular description, and whether the same has been surveyed or not, reserve from sale temporarily, notwithstanding that the same may be then held under pastoral license, any Crown lands which in his opinion are required for any of the purposes in the said section mentioned:

And whereas by the two hundred and twenty-eighth section of the said Act it is provided that land temporarily reserved under the said two hundred and twenty-seventh section may, at the expiration of one month but not later than six months after the publication in the *Gazette* of notice of such temporary reservation, be permanently reserved, and that notice of such permanent reservation shall be published in the *Gazette*:

And whereas the lands specified in the first column of the Schedule hereto were, by the warrants the dates of which are specified in the third column of the said Schedule, and the notifications of which were published in the *Gazette* specified in the fourth column, temporarily reserved under the authority of the said Act for the purposes specified in the second column of the said Schedule:

Now, therefore, I, James Prendergast, the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in me by the said Act, do hereby permanently reserve the lands so temporarily reserved as aforesaid, and enumerated in the first column of the Schedule hereto, for the purposes specified in the second column of the said Schedule, being the same purposes for which the said lands were so temporarily reserved as aforesaid.

SCHEDULE.

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" ..	Selwyn ..	R.S. 4750	VIII.	4 2 39	Gravel-pit ..	" ..	" ..
Southland ..	Oteramika ..	109	I.	4 0 21	Gravel ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Longwood ..	6	XV.	10 0 0	School-site ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Centre Hill ..	13	IV.	9 1 28	Gravel ..	" ..	" ..

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, this thirteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

W. P. REEVES,
For the Minister of Lands.