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Good morning, my name is Mia and I am scheduled to speak for 15 minutes this morning. However I will keep it short in order to leave time for questions.

My husband and I live at 31 Acacia Drive and we are one of the most affected residents.

In 2008 in PC59 hearing we got a judgement, we would like it to stand.

We have been utterly confused by GBC Winstones PC102 overburden and Resource Consent documentation, by the anomalies, errors, and by the understating of facts during the consultation period, which have left us with more questions than answers. Just like 2008, we again feel there is lack of information - no alternatives, no data, no guarantees, no boreholes although it says that test pits and boreholes have been done. The list goes on and on. I am not sure about WDC but we find it rather challenging.

GBC Winstones show unrealistic pictures of how it will look, however the reality is that they are bringing their quarrying activity right in front of us and it will look like their overburden operations at Kaukapakapa (see attached).

Best practise is for industry to internalise the effects, next option is a 'buffer'. GBC Winstone's want to remove or ignore the MEA 'buffer' area simply because they own the land, without being able to offer another 'buffer'. They know that two different land uses should be segregated by a buffer; in fact they actually insisted on this MEA buffer zone.

GBC Winstones objective is to dispose of as much of their overburden as they can - 2.4 million cubic metres on a 16.7 hectare footprint for the duration of 35+ years. The proposed volume is over 6 times the total amount of material moved during the recent Brynderwyn Project and is utterly unimaginable. It is very large scale, highly intrusive, long-term and a permanent destruction of neighbouring farmland property that we overlook.

We are concerned about the potential impact on surrounding water courses and that it may have an effect on our springs and infrastructure. Acacia Park residents have already spent in excess of \$250,000 for our drains and private roads (that

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WDC passed and that were not to 'standard'). 2.4 million cu m could effect surrounding water courses according to Professor Jarg Pettinga (Head of Geology at Canterbury University).

GBC Wintones propose to extend the MEA, or bring their operations onto land designated countryside, right adjacent to a well-established residential properties.

GBC Winstones cannot avoid, remedy or mitigate the adverse affects of noise, dirt, dust and vibration. It will make it an unpleasant place to live and it will have a negative impact on our property value, making our home difficult to sell for the next 35+ years. We are already subjected to dirt, dust, vibration, and higher noise allowance imposed on us in 2006, without our knowledge.

This an unfair situation, as residents, we need some degree of **certainty of our quality of life**. We knew the Quarry existed and the Pegram Block provided a buffer, This works. We believed this situation could not change or was even possible because the RMA (1991) encourages buffers for reverse sensitivity and to protect amenity values.

Thus, the only acceptable outcome to us, is to retain a 'buffer'.

I feel disempowered and bullied by GBC Winstones approach to the whole process of trying to achieve their objective of using the Pegram Block for overburden.

GBC Winstones come from every angle. This makes it very difficult to present evidence as it a continually moving target. Thank you for letting us to provide further evidence to GBC Winstones evidence, which I understand will be available tomorrow.

I have read all the information supplied. I have walked on the Pegram Block. I know this area well. I am genuinely concerned and would like to meet with WDC to further discuss my concerns.

Today I stand before you stressed and brow beaten in hope that my spoken and written words will be heard by the Commissioners and WDC and that they will make a difference because any extension of quarrying business will compromise the amenity that is currently afforded to us and our main concern is we will lose our buffer, which was legally formed by both parties, that being Winstones Aggregates and Whangarei District Council.

Our 8 pages evidence attached show some documentation, pictures and photos, in order to show you, the frustrations we have faced.

I hope that all our evidence have been read. Are there any questions.

For us, the only sensible, considered decision would be to retain the buffer.