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My name is Colin Thomas and I am speaking on behalf of SWAG - Southern Whangarei Action Group.

SWAG is an action group formed to preserve and and maintain the safety and general quality of life in our community and to promote a long term vision for Southern Whangarei and as such find GBC Winstones proposal to dispose of overburden on the Pegram Block is not in the interest of the nearby residents, the Blue Goose future tourist developments nor in the interest of the many users of the sport grounds and the proposal is in conflict with the vision we have for entrance to Whangarei; we would like to see WDC to showcase the entrance.

Both Otaika Quarry and the residents both need certainty by managing incompatible land uses. A 300 metre interface was established legally during the Acacia Park subdivision consents. The MEA buffer around the Quarry, with the 500m setbacks, precisely and absolutely separate conflicting land uses and thus should remain. Full stop.

In 2008, evidence was presented at Winstones Private Plan Change 59, a judgement was given, we see no evidence or reason for a zone change.

Therefore, SWAG strongly opposes GBC-W submission 250 and ask for the MEA inclusion to PC102 to be declined for the reasons we have previously submitted in our pre-circulated documentation.

Thank you for giving us an opportunity to speak.