



## AQA NEWSFLASH

With the working year underway for most of us, it's a good time to update you on some early developments for our extractive sector in 2020.

First up, we are today launching a new video promoting what quarries contribute to New Zealand. This is part of the AQA's ongoing effort to tell our story and get across to Kiwis that having access to local quarries for aggregate is fundamental to being able to meet our population, housing and infrastructure requirements.

Our thanks to Fulton Hogan for their support in developing the video.



Quarrying in New Zealand

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## Your input is sought in the review of the Crown Minerals Act

The AQA Board has tagged a successful outcome for our sector from this review as the key priority for 2020 when a revised CMA will emerge.

It includes consideration of whether the revised Act should continue to 'promote' the extraction of minerals. If walking away from that gets any traction, our industry could be reduced to a crawl. The review also suggests specific CMA-linked consultation with communities and iwi. That's already provided for under the Resource Management Act which is going through a longer-term review. The AQA and other industry players have already submitted against this and other proposals in the CMA review. We encourage you to have your say and we will be distributing our draft submission to members prior to the closing date of 27th January to assist you to make your own submission – details of the CMA review and submission process [here](#).

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### Waste not, want not

The Government is also currently doing the triennial consultation on proposed changes to the landfill levy. You may be impacted by these proposed changes and we want to encourage you to take part in the consultation process.

Generally the AQA is supportive of the proposed changes to incentivise recycling and reuse of materials, improve understanding of the composition of the total waste stream, and better regulate non-compliant operators.

In short, here's what's proposed:

- To increase the levy rate for landfills taking household waste, in stages from currently \$10 per tonne to \$50 or \$60 per tonne by 2023.
- To extend the levy to sites that receive other types of waste, including construction and demolition waste (for example, treated timber); industrial waste; contaminated soils; and largely inert materials like rubble, concrete, soils etc. For these sites, the proposed levy would be either \$10 or \$20 per tonne of waste received.
- The Government will also improve data collected on waste going into landfills, transfer stations and cleanfills.

We will be distributing our draft submission to members prior to the closing date of 3rd February to assist you to make your own submission. Further info available [here](#).

Let's keep providing the foundations for New Zealand.

We will be back in touch soon with our first edition for 2020 of From the Quarry Face.

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