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Mr. Owen Davis, President  
Riverland Developments Limited  
99 Glendale Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Davis:

The environmental assessment of the rock quarry ("the undertaking") proposed by Riverland Developments Limited is now complete.

After careful consideration of the information available through the environmental assessment process, there still remains a degree of uncertainty and associated risk in permitting blasting so close to the former landfill site. The environmental consequences of any damage to the landfill have the potential to be great and are of great concern.

In light of the uncertainties that remain related to the impact of blasting, there is a likelihood that the undertaking will cause adverse effects or significant environmental effects which are unacceptable. This risk cannot be ignored. I have, therefore, decided that the rock quarry proposal of Riverland Developments Limited is rejected, pursuant to Section 35 of the *Environment Act* and Section 18(c) of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*, and cannot proceed.

Yours truly,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Donald R. Downe  
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