

## **FROM LIABILITY TO PROFITABLE STRATEGIC ASSET IN FOUR YEARS.**

The 1998 winner of the Nissan Diesel Environmental Award Brian Bouzaid returned to New Zealand in 1994 to manage the 60 Year old Wellington City Council Kiwi Point Quarry. The plant was run down, all regulatory consents had expired and there were numerous pollution complaints from neighbours.

One of Brian's first actions was to set up meetings with local residents groups and industrial neighbours to clearly identify key issues. These meetings became a regular event and continue today so that proposed changes can be fully explored and differing groups requirements taken into consideration. Problems tackled include noise and dust suppression, water pollution, visual aspects and traffic access.

Back in 1994 the quarry was one of the Council's assets marked for privatisation, but as the operating problems were solved and profitability established, independent consultants recommended that the council retain control of what was now recognised as a strategic asset for the Greater Wellington Region. High quality Greywacke can be quarried 24 hours a day if necessary (such is the quality of noise and dust suppression) only 10 minutes by loaded truck from the centre of Wellington. Forward planning is now such that natural screening is in place to hide work on a new face not due to be worked for another seven years.



*The Nissan Diesel Environmental Awards are for proven achievement and Brian Bouzaid and his team at Kiwi Point Quarry are outstanding achievers.*