

SUBMISSION ON AN APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT UNDER SECTION 96 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

CONSENT NUMBER: WCRC: RC-2023-0046, GDC: LUN3154/23

APPLICANT: TIGA MINERALS AND METALS LTD

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY: Establish and operate a mineral sands mine, including construction of associated infrastructure.

LOCATION: Barrytown Flats, west of State Highway 6 (Coast Road), 9km south of Punakaiki township and 36km north of Greymouth

Full name/s:*mark Robert walton*

Postal address:

I am the owner(delete one) of the following property:

Primary contact person/s:

Email address:

Phone numbers:

Home:

Mobile:

Business:

Signature of the submitter m walton

Date:

11/10/23

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS): MARK ROBERT WALTON

I oppose the application

I do not wish to be heard in support of my/our submission.

If you wish to be heard, and others make a similar submission would you consider making a joint case with them at any hearing. *Yes or No*

If you indicated you wish to be heard, you will be sent a copy of the S.42A Officer's Report and a copy of the Decision once it is released. Please indicate below which format you would like to receive these documents in: [Electronic copy or Hard \(paper\) copy](#)

I/we **have** served a copy of my/our submission on the Applicant as per Section 96(6)(b) of the RMA

State Yes, or that you will serve on the applicant as soon as possible after sending it to the Council

I **am not** a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991.

I **request/** pursuant to section 100A of the Act, that you delegate your functions, powers, and duties to hear and decide the application to 1 or more hearings commissioners who are not members of the local authority.

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Note to submitter

Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least 1 of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):

- it is frivolous or vexatious:
- it discloses no reasonable or relevant case:
- it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further:
- it contains offensive language:
- it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter

Submission

I oppose the application due to:

- Industrial mining of the scale proposed in a populated rural area would have significant and widely distributed adverse effects on people, the community and the environment.
- The economic benefits of the proposal are uncertain. Community wellbeing and other environmental values should not be compromised in the pursuit of speculative economics.
- Adverse effects on community and individual wellbeing. SH6 is likely to become much more dangerous. Trucking noise & vibration would create stress and potential sleep loss for all living within earshot of SH6 – from early hours, all day and after dark, 7 days a week, and without respite on weekends and public holidays.
- Trucking impacts are more than minor. The risk of damage and cost of repair to the already fragile SH6 from the significant increase in trucking is high. Heavy truck movements at the scale proposed would add significant added risk to: navigating residential driveway entrances and exits, school bus runs, cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists, including tourists in the busy peak holiday times.
- Adverse effects on amenity values. Current amenity values are high and draw many visitors and residents to the area. The proposal would degrade the natural character of the coastal environment, social fabric of the community, and recreational values.
- There is the potential for unacceptable cumulative effects on the Westland petrel / Tāiko population. The notably slow reproductive rate means even a few Tāiko deaths can have a significant effect on the breeding potential of this already threatened species. The proposed mining and trucking during the hours of darkness present light distraction threats.
- The proposal involves heavy use of fossil fuelled mine machinery and trucking. It would generate significant new carbon emissions and contribute to the myriad of adverse effects from global warming. It goes against the Zero Carbon Act requirement to decarbonise and transition to a low emission economy.

- Industrial mining on the scale proposed would both contradict, and jeopardize, the West Coast Regional Council's own "Untamed Natural Wilderness" strategy, which promotes the West Coast's most valuable asset: the natural environment. Local nature tourism operators and accommodation providers are likely to be adversely affected by the proposal, both by SH6 use as a mine haulage route and by subsequent reputational damage.

- The potential adverse effects of radiation and the lack of a New Zealand code of practice for managing radiation safety in the mining industry.

- The proposal is contrary to the Resource Management Act, and many national, regional and district level objectives and policies designed to protect the environment.

I seek the following decision from the Local Authority: that the application be declined in its entirety.