

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

PART A: DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION

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), 9 km south of Punakaiki township and 36 km north of Greymouth

PART B: SUBMITTER DETAILS

Full name/s: Evelyn Jessie Hewlett

Postal address: [REDACTED]

I am the owner of the following property: [REDACTED]

Primary contact person/s: E hewlett

Email address: [REDACTED]

Phone numbers:

Home:

Mobile [REDACTED]

Business:

Signature of the submitter (or person authorised to sign on behalf of the submitter):

Date: 12/10/23

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):

EVELYN HEWLETT

I oppose the application

I wish to be heard in support of my 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*

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](#)

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

Important information from Councils – Please read carefully

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The information you provide is public information. It is used to help process a resource consent application and assess the impact of an activity on the environment and other people. Your information is held and administered by the West Coast Regional Council and Grey District Council in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the Privacy Act 1993. This means that your information may be disclosed to other people who request it in accordance with the terms of these Acts. It is therefore important you let us know if your form includes any information you consider should not be disclosed.

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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 TiGA's application because of the potential adverse effects on resident well being, damage to amenities, economic/cultural life and environmental future.

1 Adverse effects on resident well being and amenities: The Barrytown Flats are a desirable rural/residential area that has attracted a diverse population over the past 50 years; young families, professionals, gardeners, artisans, tourism operators, retirees and environmentalists have added to the small established farming community. An industrial scale mining operation is inappropriate for the area as it would greatly impinge on the wellbeing and quality of life of the folk drawn to this treasured location. Such an industry would adversely affect residents because of ever present noise and vibration from digging/ excavation activity, intensive trucking, dust hazards and traffic dangers. The coast road between Westport and Greymouth is our valued and iconic public amenity and would be adversely impacted by the trucking of heavy mineral sand. It is our lifeline and it is fragile. TiGa claims the Government will earn \$1.5 million per year in mining royalties from their Barrytown mining enterprise but the cost of maintenance and repair of the narrow and winding coast road will be far greater than that.

2 Effects on the socio economics and cultural life of the community:

In their information flyer to the community, (delivered to local post boxes less than a week before submissions close), the applicant describes a 'small and short duration, bespoke mining operation', that TiGa is planning for in this consent application. 'Mining operating only 5 hectares at a time for just 5 years of the 12 years applied for in the consent', located on privately owned pasture with no

existing vegetation; this sounds benign, palatable to many and a win-win for the landowner,- that they are well entitled to.

However, the application has to be challenged as, if consented, will likely be the wedge in the door for continued mining consents and a plethora of mining activity across the Barrytown flats. The consent application sparks concern for the future economic prospects for tourism businesses in the community. A large scale extractive mining industry would be incongruous amid the small scale sustainable tourism business established in the area. And completely at odds with the new \$42 million visitor centre at Punakaiki and the West coast Regional Council's own advertising slogan, 'untamed natural wilderness'.

Tourism and dairy provided the answer to the West Coast's big question of the 1970's and 80's; how to develop the economy beyond the extractive industries of milling native timber and coal mining? Currently a plethora of gold mines provide an abundance of wealth to the West Coast.

So must every little pocket of the coast be mined? Imagine Barrytown flats left undug, allowed to be the sandplain forest it once was. Consented large scale mining will threaten the remnant kahikatea forests and tiny remaining wetland areas of the Barrytown flats. The environmental historian Geoff Parks included the Barrytown flats in his book *Nga Uruora- the Groves of life*. He writes about the unique ecology of Maher Swamp, the Nikau reserve and the Westland Black Petrel, all needing continued protection from any mining proposal.

The applicant's mining operation would involve the use of many fossil fueled machines and trucks, generating significant new carbon emissions and contributing to the myriad adverse effects from global warming. This goes against The Zero Carbon Act requirement to transition to a low emission economy.

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

I seek the following decision for the Local Authority; that the application is declined in its entirety.

Evelyn hewlett