

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

**PART B: SUBMITTER DETAILS**

Full name/s: Veronica Carroll

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[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

Primary contact person/s: Veronica Carroll

Email address:

[REDACTED]

Phone numbers:

Home:

Mobile:

[REDACTED]

Business:

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

Date: 12/10/23

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):

VERONICA CARROLL

I oppose the application

I DO NOT wish to be heard and hereby make my/our submission in writing only.

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

**Yes**

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**

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- 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:**

1. 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. I have lived on the coast road for approximately 8 years, throughout this time I have enjoyed a peaceful life in a beautiful environment, proud of our community and become entrenched within our local environment and the ecosystems within it.

I enjoy with my four young children ranging from nine to two years, the unique and rich environment we live in. We all share in the privilege of frequently hearing kiwi, seeing penguin trails, observing seal life, seeing resident Kotuku in the Bourke Road lagoons, and watching as our unique resident Taiko return to their local breeding grounds. There is the potential for unacceptable cumulative effects on the Taiko population. They have slow reproductive rates meaning even a small amount of Taiko deaths may have a significant effect on the breeding potential of this already threatened species. The proposed mining and likelihood of light distraction again threatens the survival rates of the Taiko.

My family study and take great joy in being able to witness Tuna of all sizes in our streams and watch juvenile inanga and kokapu grow and move up the streams, from the ocean through the lagoons to reside in the waterways next to our kainga. This is part of living in Barrytown in Aotearoa; This is what our Tamariki experience, and this is what grows a love of nature for the next generation to strive to protect the environment, ecosystems, and wildlife of the Westcoast.

It is my belief that if the mining of the Barrytown flats was to go ahead these unique ecosystems would be largely affected. The vibrations of the machinery, the change in the level of water and inevitable infiltration of chemical and residue from the mine entering the waterways and ecosystems at any level which may be considered acceptable, will no doubt impact on this wildlife.

2. 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.

I personally use the road for cycling and drive the coast road regularly for work from Greymouth through to Westport. The increased truck movements on this highway acknowledged as one of the top ten in the world is likely to be greatly impacted. Currently the road will be closed when there is heavy rain whilst slips are cleared, up to 50 extra truck movements a day will add impact to this fragile road, which already struggles to be maintained under the current conditions.

Adding increased truck movement to this road, which is becoming frequently more popular with cyclists due to the opening of the Paparoa cycle track becomes an added hazard. The road is already questionable for cycling or any alternate forms of transport other than driving.

There are many children living in Barrytown, who once they are capable and of an age where they have the ability to safely ride on some sections of this road (particularly the Barrytown flats) use this section of the road to visit their friends and remain connected in the community; This is a healthy activity for many young people, in an age where young people are overcome with anxiety and mental health issues. Disabling this mode of transport for rural Tamariki to connect with their peers through practising their independence by travelling via walking or biking will be greatly impacted if they are essentially forced to stay home, or wait for a ride, to be able to connect to their peers leaving them at home and disconnected.

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Approximately 30 children use the school bus to get to Barrytown primary school, these children wait for and are dropped off on SH6, already a safety concern for many parents, this amount of truck movements, will again heighten parental anxiety around this transport and increase the safety risk for the children of Barrytown.

3. The West Coast now boasts exceptional tourism opportunities, in a global environment where climate change is at the forefront, the complete dismissal of this worldwide climate crises is unfathomable, it demonstrates a complete disregard to commitment to decarbonise and transition to a low emission economy. It shows a narrow-minded approach to creating a thriving economy on the Westcoast. The proposal of this mine completely contradicts the West Coast Regional Council's own "Untamed Natural Wilderness" strategy. The proposal is contrary to the Resource Management Act, and many national, regional and district level objectives and policies designed to protect the environment.

Yes, Barrytown historically was created as a mining community, yes much of the land in question has been mined previously and is now farmland. When the project is completed, it will be churned into a more productive land for farming purposes, I don't dispute this. However, when will it be decided that enough is enough. That the land, native species and ecosystems can take no more. That as a community and a region it is time to step up and do better for our future generations, to show a broader and more creative and environmentally kinder approach to building the Westcoast and its economy. Rather than allowing an off shore company offering approximately 60 jobs, likely to a handful of people from our own community to economically receive the benefits from this mining proposal.

Whilst the negative impact on the local community, unique ecosystems and species, bare the brunt of yet another environment oversight. I strongly oppose the proposal to mine the Barrytown flats.

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