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



PART A: DESCRIPTION OF	APPLICATIO	N				
CONSENT NUMBER:	APPLICANT:					
RC-2023-0046	TIGA MINERALS AND METALS LTD					
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSEI	D ACTIVITY:					
Establish and operate a mineral sands mine, including construction of associated infrastructure						
LOCATION:						
Barrytown Flats, west of State Highway 6 (Coast F	Road), 9km south of Punal	kaiki township				
PART B: SUBMITTER DETA	AILS					
Full name/s	Julia Johnsto	on				
Postal address						
I am the owner/occupier (delete one) of the following property:						
Primary contact person/s	Julia Johnston					
Email address						
Phone number/s	Home:	-		Business:	-	
	Mobile:			Fax:	-	
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Signature: Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):				13.10.2023		
JULIA JOHNSTON						
If this is a joint submission by 2 or more individuals, each individual's signature is required A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means. [(tick one)] [I/we support the application numbers indicated by a tick on the back of this form						
I/we oppose the application						
I/we neither support nor oppose the application						
					(tick one)	

I/we wish to be heard in support of my/our submission.	
I/we DO NOT wish to be heard and hereby make my/our submission in writing only.	
If you wish to be heard, and others make a similar submission would you consider making a joint case with them hearing	at any
✓ 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 Defonce it is released. Please indicate below which format you would like to receive these documents in: Electronic (CD) copy Hard (paper) copy	ecision
I/we have served a copy of my/our submission on the Applicant as per Section 96(6)(b) of the RMA Yes	
My/our submission is that: (state in summary the nature of your submission. Clearly indicate whether your support or oppose the specific proposal, or wish to have amendments made, giving reasons)	ou
My submission opposes the TIGa mining application. The opposition is based on the potential harmful effects on the environment, wildlife, safety, and the local tourism industry in the West Coarea.	oast
I/we seek the following decision from the Local Authority:(give precise details)	
To deny and reject the TIGa mining application, ensuring that the proposed mining operation do not proceed at Barrytown Flats, in consideration of environmental protection, particularly of Wes petrels, and little blue penguins. As well as the potential negative impact on the local tourism indiand road /traffic safety.	tland

Important information – please read carefully

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Submission RE: Resource consent application from TiGa to mine at Barrytown Flats.

WCRC: RC-2023-0046 GDC: LUN3154/23

Introduction

I am former resident of Motukiekie (11 Mile) and Punakaiki, and have spent a large amount of time on the stretch of road between Westport and Greymouth.

I firmly oppose the TIGa mining application due to the adverse impacts on the environment, wildlife, safety, and tourism in the West Coast region. I urge you to prioritise the long-term well-being of this unique and precious environment and the safety of those who reside in and visit this area.

Environmental impacts

The use of artificial lighting at the proposed mining site and on trucks traveling along State Highway 6 could disorientate and harm the Westland Petrels (Tāiko), and Little Blue Penguins (Kororā). I strongly feel that the TIGa mining operation should not be allowed to operate during any hours of darkness, as it would breach Policy 11 (a) of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement leading to adverse effects on at risk species. The noise and dust generated by the mining operation and the trucks would further disrupt the birds' habitat and pose an environmental hazard to various vulnerable ecosystems – relating to Policy 11 (b).

Safety concerns

The proposed increase in the number of trucks using State Highway 6 between Westport and Greymouth raises serious safety issues. State Highway 6 is a narrow and scenic coastal highway prone to major slips, erosion, and blind corners that are difficult for trucks to navigate. With tourism traffic, the increased presence of trucks on this highway would pose significant risks to both tourists and local residents. Additionally, it could make entering and exiting driveways along State Highway 6 more hazardous to residents.

Impact on tourism

The proposed mining operation and the associated increase in truck traffic have the potential to seriously impact tourism in the area. Tourists are drawn to the West Coast for its scenic, peaceful, and unspoiled natural beauty. An influx of trucks on the highway, safety concerns, and potential noise pollution from mining operations could deter tourists from visiting the area, thereby harming the local tourism industry.