

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

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**PART A: DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION**

CONSENT NUMBER:

APPLICANT:

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

TiGa Minerals and Metals Ltd

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY:

a mineral sands mine in an area of approximately 63ha over a 12-year period

LOCATION:

Map reference NTZM: 1460770E, 5082683N

Legal description: Lot 1 DP 412689 and Rural Section 2847

**PART B: SUBMITTER DETAILS**

Full name/s	Jennifer Anne Hellyer		
Postal address	[REDACTED]		
I am the owner/occupier (delete one) of the following property:	[REDACTED]		
Primary contact person/s	Jennifer Hellyer		
Email address	[REDACTED]		
Phone number/s	Home:	[REDACTED]	Business:
	Mobile:	[REDACTED]	Fax:

Signature:

Date:

13/10/2023

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):

Jennifer Hellyer

*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.*

I/we **support** the application numbers indicated by a tick on the back of this form

(tick one)

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 at any hearing

Yes

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 (CD) copy

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

Yes

My/our submission is that: (state in summary the nature of your submission. Clearly indicate whether you support or oppose the specific proposal, or wish to have amendments made, giving reasons)

I oppose the proposal for the following reasons

Adverse effects on community and individual wellbeing.  
The impact on our natural environment

I am a longterm resident and have attached a full explanation for my opposition

I/we seek the following decision from the Local Authority:(give precise details)

That the application be declined in its entirety

### Important information – please read carefully

#### Public information

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 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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Consent Numbers : WCRC: RC -2023-0046,GDC:LUN3154/23  
Application : TIGA Mining and Minerals Ltd for mining on the  
Barrytown Flats

I **oppose** these mining applications

I **do not** wish to be heard in support of my submission

## **Disclaimer**

As I am visually impaired<sup>1</sup>, I have had some assistance in the typing and submitting of this submission. However, the words and concerns expressed are all my own.

## **Background**

I have been a resident of the Coast Road for over 50 years and raised four children here. They, and their children in turn, share my deep attachment to, and deep regard for, this area: its community and its natural environment.

My partner has worked as a miner for significant periods of time. We are not opposed to mining per se, but both believe strongly that this is the wrong type of mine, in the wrong place. We have concerns about the impact on our community and our environment

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<sup>1</sup> This is the main reason I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission – it would be too difficult for me to both prepare and to present

My work as a counsellor in private practice in Westport for over 25 years, and being a trustee for No 37 Community House Potikohua Trust [Westport] during that time, has led to a keen understanding of mental health and wellbeing, and of the significance of social connectivity.

My understanding of our community and my concerns about this application are both personal and professional.

### **I oppose the application on the basis of concerns about adverse effects of heavy trucking on our State Highway**

This road is already fragile and high maintenance. The mining proposal raises concerns about the safety for other users and also the damage that is likely to be done to the road by the vibrations and weight of 50 heavy truck and trailer units per day.

This road is the lifeline for our Coast Road communities, and damage to it, with the subsequent reduction to single lane, management by traffic lights [frequent, sometimes as many as three sets of temporary lights between Runanga and Punakaiki for example], or even road closures can have a devastating effect.

My personal experience of urgently needing this road to be open and efficient includes rushing critically ill family members to Greymouth hospital, seeking medical attention after a recent personal medical emergency, and two near neighbours suffering [eventually fatal] heart attacks in the last six years.

There are a significant number of older people in our Coast Road population, and this increases the likelihood of medical emergencies.

On a daily basis the social aspect of the road and its role in community connectivity is extremely important. It is one of the things that has made it possible for me to stay living here into my later years and despite visual impairment.

**I oppose the application on the basis of concerns about adverse effects on community health and wellbeing.**

During my years working out of the Westport Community House No 37, I developed a deep understanding of the significance of social connectivity. The house was used every day by people in need of this, so I saw first hand the value of a cohesive community and its positive effects on mental and physical wellbeing. Extensive research endorses this fundamental human need for connection.

This mining application threatens our ability to maintain and build on a well-established community which includes people of all ages and walks of life . Has TIGA considered the impact on the community's wellbeing if we can no longer safely use the main road that connects us all ? We are similar to the population of a small town, but we are spread out along one road – I refer to State Highway 6 from Greymouth to Westport, the stretch of road TIGA sees as a trucking route, saying in their application that the trucks carrying heavy mineral concentrates “may travel either to Westport ... or towards Greymouth

We have been involved in community activities include being part of a craft shop co-operative for 25 plus years; local civil defence group or local book club and the spin off friendships and support from that; and attending events in the Barrytown Hall over many years. All these involve safely using the main road and are vital ways of maintaining connections with old friends and establishing and nurturing new friendships.

### **I oppose the application on the basis of concerns about adverse effects on the environment.**

In the 1970s and 80s I was closely involved with an early tāiko research study with Sandy Bartle, Derek Onley, and Dr Euan Dunn MBE [services to marine conservation] of Birdlife International<sup>2</sup> . Their work over many years led to the taiko being recognised as a bird of national significance.

I have genuine concerns about the potential effects of this mining, the processing plant and the trucking on this unique bird of national significance.

There has been no research about the potential cumulative effects of a mining industry on the ecosystem at Barrytown. This is of real concern, especially with the company's stated plans to expand beyond this site over a 50-year period. I have children and grandchildren who are deeply committed to this environment, to sustainability and to the protection of the special features, environmentally and socially: to its amenity values.

### **Concerns about Council decision-making processes**

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<sup>2</sup> csap.cam.ac.uk

I am concerned about the deeply embedded connections to the mining industry present on our Councils, and the influence this would appear to have on decision-making such as the inclusion of the Barrytown Flats as a Mineral Extraction Zone in the proposed Te Tai Poutini Plan.

Further, it seems that the proposed mine lacks a social licence to operate . Council has been approving residential building and lifestyle blocks along the Coast Road, collecting rates for these. And now some of these new residents, attracted here by the natural environment, are distressed about their investment .

Some long-term Coast Road residents: friends who have spoken to me about the mine proposal and are appalled by it, are fatigued by the thought of yet another battle against environmentally damaging activity on the Coast Road. As a result, they may not even submit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenny Hellyer', written in a cursive style.

Jenny Hellyer

*13/10/2023*