

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

Office Use Only



**PART A: DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION**

CONSENT NUMBER:

APPLICANT:

WCRC: RC-2023-0046  
GDC: LLN3154/23

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	Katie Anderson		
Postal address	[REDACTED]		
I am the owner/occupier (delete one) of the following property:	Occupier		
Primary contact person/s	Katie Anderson		
Email address	[REDACTED]		
Phone number/s	Home:	[REDACTED]	Business:
	Mobile:	[REDACTED]	Fax:

Signature:	Date:
[REDACTED]	12.10.2023
Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):	
KATIE ANDERSON	

*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

I/we **oppose** the application

I/we **neither support nor oppose** the application

(tick one)

(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)

See attached

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

I strongly urge you to reject the TiGa Minerals mining proposal for the Barrytown Flats.

### 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.



**THE WEST COAST**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

388 Main South Road, Paroa, Greymouth 7805  
PO Box 66, Greymouth 7840  
Telephone (03) 768 0466  
Toll Free 0508 800 118  
Facsimile (03) 768 7133  
Email [info@wcr.govt.nz](mailto:info@wcr.govt.nz)  
Website [www.wcrc.govt.nz](http://www.wcrc.govt.nz)

**12th October 2023**

## **Opposition to the Barrytown Flats Mineral Sand Mine**

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed mining operation by TiGa Minerals in the Barrytown Flats area on the South Island's West Coast. I believe this venture will have severe and irreversible consequences for the environment and the unique taonga species, the tāiko or Westland petrel. Here are eight compelling reasons why this mining proposal should be rejected:

1. **Environmental Destruction:** TiGa Minerals' open-cast mining operation threatens to cause significant and irreversible damage to the coastal ecosystem. This area is of ecological importance, and mining it would disrupt the delicate balance that sustains various species and their habitats.
2. **Threat to Taonga Species:** The tāiko, or Westland petrel, is a taonga species and is already vulnerable. The mining method proposed by TiGa Minerals puts this species at great risk. We cannot afford to jeopardize the existence of such a unique and precious bird.
3. **Uncertain Environmental Impact:** Despite assurances from the mining company, there is no certainty regarding how the mining activities will affect local waterways, springs, and the nearby coastal lagoon. Any harm to these water sources could have long-lasting and detrimental consequences for the entire ecosystem.
4. **Inadequate Oversight:** The current local councils have shown a concerning level of leniency and potential conflicts of interest in approving mining projects in the region. The proposed mining project should not be entrusted to councils that might not act impartially.
5. **Risk to Tourism:** The West Coast is celebrated for its scenic beauty and tourism industry. The constant heavy truck traffic resulting from the mining operation will deter tourists and cyclists from enjoying the coastal road, ultimately impacting the local economy.

6. **Safety Hazards:** The already narrow and winding Coast Road poses a significant risk to both cyclists and drivers. Introducing an additional 50 truck and trailer movements a day, as well as 160 car trips, will significantly increase the risk of accidents and fatalities.
7. **Alternative Economic Avenues:** The West Coast's economy has diversified over the years, with tourism emerging as a significant contributor. The claim that the region needs every mining project is outdated and ignores the positive economic impacts of the booming tourism sector.
8. **Coastal Inundation:** The mining operation could exacerbate coastal erosion and inundation problems that are already plaguing the region. The proposed bund may not be sufficient to protect against the changes in hydrology and rising sea levels, putting local properties at risk.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to reject the TiGa Minerals mining proposal for the Barrytown Flats. The potential economic benefits do not outweigh the significant environmental damage and risks posed to the region's unique wildlife and tourist industry. I hope the decision-making process is taken out of council hands to ensure transparency and impartiality.

Thank you for considering my concerns and advocating for the preservation of the West Coast's natural beauty and ecological treasures.

Sincerely,

Katie Anderson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]