

**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: WCRC: RC-2023-0046	APPLICANT: TIGA MINERALS AND METALS LTD
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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY:
Establish and operate a mineral sands mine, including construction of associated infrastructure.

LOCATION:
Barrytown Flats, west of SH 6 (Coast Road), 9 km south of Punakaiki and 36 km north of Greymouth

PART B: SUBMITTER DETAILS

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

Signature:	Date:
[REDACTED]	7 October 2023
Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):	
CHRISTINE BECKER	

*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)

I oppose the application in its entirety.

As a tour driver, I am concerned that the proposed operation will damage the natural and highly scenic values of the area. Domestic and international tourists come to Punakaiki to visit the Pancake Rocks, the Paparoa National Park and the soon-to-be-opened redeveloped Visitor Centre. \$26 million has been spent in making Dolomite Point more attractive to visitors. This will clash with 50+ proposed trucking movements daily from the Barrytown site to either Westport or Greymouth, on top of 40+ proposed daily trucking movements from the Okari site. I wonder about the harmonious co-existence of visitors driving their cars or campervans, as well as tour buses, all taking their time to enjoy the scenic beauty, and impatient truck drivers on a busy schedule. We already know the negative impact of the noise when the milk tankers race along SH 6 in a convov. (continued on 

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

that the application is 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.

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Christine Becker

My submission: I oppose the application in its entirety.

I would like to see that the application is declined in its entirety.

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The proposed frequency of semi-trailer trucking movements of 50+/day combined with 40+/day trucking movements from the Okari site will cause noise, environmental and visual pollution along State Highway 6 between Westport and Greymouth which doesn't go along with Tourism NZ's 100% Pure image.

I'm also concerned about the effect the proposed operation will be having on residents (our community!) and all accommodation/attraction/activity providers.

I provide short-term rental accommodation to domestic or international visitors which I consider a substantial part of my income. The proximity of the properties along the proposed trucking route (30 m from the highway in my case), and the associated noise from 24/7 operations will seriously degrade the quality of life and the natural qualities and characteristics of the area that people chose to live in, or, come to visit and take up offered accommodation. 'Peace and Quiet' will be destroyed. This will be another nail in the coffin for West Coast Tourism, for providers and visitors alike.

As a tour driver, I'm very aware of the fragile infrastructure on the West Coast. Weather extremes cause frequent road closures because of slips, slumps, wash-outs and bridges taken out by raging rivers. Natural disasters like earthquakes and tsunamis are to be expected in New Zealand and in the near future. What will happen in case of an AF 8, the "Big One" along the Alpine Fault that is nearly overdue? The Coast Road might take months/years to repair, what is being done about keeping stockpiles of toxic/radioactive materials safe on site considering a tsunami risk?

The applicants have stated that the mineral sands activity does not have adverse effects on the environment. This type of mining has not been performed in New Zealand before, however it does exist in Australia, where the risks associated with dust and radioactivity have been recognized and addressed through a stringent risk management and regulatory framework. Western Australia is a very different and very remote environment. How will the risks be assessed and managed in NZ, under which authority?

I am also concerned about the effects on the petrel colony 4 km south of Punakaiki. The young birds are very susceptible to light, getting disoriented and not making it back into the colony. The mining operation lights will distract the birds and hinder their safe passage back home to their burrows, leaving them stranded and helpless on the mining site or along the State Highway.

Please ensure the mining application will not be granted.

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