

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: Andrew Ian Stillie

Postal address:

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

Primary contact person/s: Andrew Ian Stillie

Email address:

Phone numbers:

Home:

Mobile:

Business:

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

Date: 8/10/2023

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS): ANDREW IAN STILLIE

I oppose the application

I DO NOT wish to be heard and hereby make my 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. 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 copy – (although I will not be attending in person)

Yes, I have served a copy of my submission on the Applicant as per Section 96(6)(b) of the RMA

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.

Important information from Councils – 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 and Grey District 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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Note to submitter

Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least 1 of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):

- 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:

It is with deep regret that I have discovered the proposal to mine the exceptional environment of biodiversity and scenic beauty, of the Barrytown Flats.

We first discovered the Barrytown Flats during a grand tour of the south island of New Zealand back in December 2018. We were circumnavigating the south island starting in Christchurch, traveling clockwise. The journey traveling north up the west coast highway, from Haast to Westport was planned to give us a break from the hustle and bustle of more touristy parts of the island.

As we travelled just north of Greymouth we noticed the landscape changing, especially as we traversed the hairpin bend in the road at Nine Mile Lookout. We had a marvellous view of the unspoilt seascape of Barrytown Flats. The plateau that interfaces the Tasman sea to the Paparoa Mountains in all its splendour with waves lapping the coastline, it was truly magical.

We spent three days in the area exploring the coastline, trekking on part of the Paparoa Track, and enjoying the tranquil atmosphere that not only we were enjoying, but also the abundant birdlife in the area obviously were too.

If this proposed mine goes ahead, I think it will be a very sad indictment, not only for the residents and wildlife, but for New Zealand as whole. As a British citizen, we view New Zealand as a pioneering environmentally, ecologically sensitive nation, proud of its heritage. A big part of this is highlighted by the movement to eradicate all non-native predators, to allow the native ecological system to thrive.

The proposal for this mine appears to go completely against the grain of this ethos. Raping the Barrytown Flats of the natural resources will have an extreme effect on the environmentally legacy for the area.

My partner and I plan to visit New Zealand in the future and spend more time on the west coast on this return visit. If the mine goes ahead, we will be cancelling this trip. This would be a trip that would not only benefit the west coast region, but New Zealand in whole (our budget for the trip would be 10,000 NZD). We would also boycott our love of New Zealand wines which we currently spend 10's NZD on per month.

We urge the decision makers to deeply consider the effect the proposed mine will have on revenue generated from tourism, not only in the Barrytown area, but New Zealand as a whole, especially when its reputation becomes tarnished as no longer being an environmentally/ecologically friendly destination.

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