

**BEFORE THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL & GREY DISTRICT
COUNCIL OPERATING AS JOINT DECISION-MAKERS THROUGH THEIR
APPOINTED COMMISSIONER PANEL**

IN THE MATTER OF An application under Part 6 of the Resource
Management Act 1991

AND

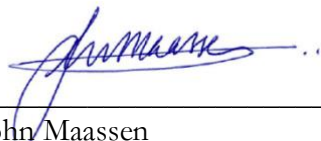
IN THE MATTER OF An application by TIGA Minerals and Metals
Limited for resource consents. Reference
WCRC: RC-2023-0046 and GDC: LUN 3154-23

AND

IN THE MATTER OF An application at a Site on Barrytown Flats, State
Highway 6, approximately 9km south of the
Punakaiki Township at 36km north of
Greymouth, to establish and operate a mineral
sands mine in an area of roughly 63 ha over 12
years, including the construction of associated
infrastructure, such as a processing plant and
associated facilities of an area of about 2.0 ha up
to 15m in height and for a minimum average of
50 truck movements per day.

**MINUTE NO.3 RESPONDING TO MEMORANDUM FOR
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CONSERVATION / TUMUAKI AHUREI
Dated 30 November 2023**

- 1 The Director-General's memorandum dated 28 November 2023 is acknowledged. The Panel appreciates the fact Ms Simister will provide her statement of evidence on or before 26 January 2024.
- 2 Because of the time of year and other commitments, the Panel¹ does not have more than a superficial appreciation of the issues arising from the application, including potential effects on avifauna such as the Tāiko. However, assessing the effects on signature species can be complex and requires a deep understanding of habitat in a narrow and broad sense. Therefore, it would be helpful to have Ms Simister's evidence as soon as possible, particularly as Ms Warnock notes that other submitters rely on Ms Simister's evidence and may benefit from sufficient time to digest it. That will also be true for the Applicant.
- 3 The Panel will accommodate Ms Simister's unavailability before 16 February 2024. Whether that occurs by a hearing in person or by AVL and at what time are matters yet to be decided. That will require dialogue among the Panel members, which is currently not feasible.² It also depends on other scheduling. These details will be advised in due course, but potentially not before Christmas.
- 4 Ms Simister is requested to consider the following matters:
 - (a) Contacting the Applicant's matching expert (if any) to identify methods for narrowing the areas of disagreement and ensuring a comprehensive picture of the Tāiko habitat, life patterns and behaviour sufficient to inform us of the grounds for concern about the impact on that species. Please also refer to Minute 4, which will follow.
 - (b) Consider as part of any evidence graphical material that might help to explain spatial relationships.
 - (c) Provide Ms Simister's statement of evidence as early as possible.



John Maassen
Commissioner (Chairperson)

¹ This Minute is issued by the Chairperson responsible for procedural matters and there has not been detailed conferral between the Panel.

² The Chair is in a two-week Environment Court hearing.