

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

Signature:

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

Date:

13 Oct 2023

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):

CATHERINE ALLAN (electronic submission)

*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)

Please see attached document within email.

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

Consent to be declined in 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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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

WCRC Submission form attached within email

Catherine Allan

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[REDACTED]

13 October 2023

I have lived in Barrytown for the past 20 years and love my life here on this whenua (land). We moved here for the peace and tranquility that this beautiful part of the coast provides for our wairua (spirit), our whanau (family), our tinana (physical health), our hinengaro (mental health) and our overall well-being. I am connected to this whenua, my Tamariki were born here, my family collect kai from our ngahere and moana, we breathe and live the life.

Everything about this consent seems to go against what we as a country are aiming for, a better climate and future, protecting and restoring unique wildlife and eco systems, reducing our emissions and meeting our obligations to the zero carbon act. And as a district Untamed natural wilderness as a slogan comes to mind along with the values in the Te Tai Poutini Plan.

Clean green NZ right! On one hand we have a proposal to mine an area of natural significance to Aotearoa and the other we are trying to teach our Tamariki to preserve, protect and restore our whenua (eg Papa Taio / Trees for change). We need to lead by example!

The Barrytown flats are a place of value and our lifestyle as coasters is at threat!

This isn't a mine that is going to be hidden away this is right in the heart of our community, it will effect and impact every aspect of our wairua (spiritual) being and the reason we chose to make the coast road our home. From our walks down the beach, our Tamariki cycling down the highway to their mates so they can go hang out in nature, up Canoe creek, the beach and the lagoons where our Tamariki learn to catch trout and set hinaki.

The outdoors is what give us quality of life gives our mental health resilience and physical bodies strong.

It is not only coast road residents who use this area for these reasons it is the people of Greymouth who come out here to escape, fish, tramp and recharge the batteries.

The mine will create a constant noise / in summer dust/ increase in traffic on a road which is unsuitable for a 20%+ increase in traffic. The road is already in a state of deterioration, it is not wide enough for cyclists and vehicles to share let alone the large trucks that cross the centre line and the road does not have safe passing areas meaning people make bad decisions when stuck behind others.

The mine site borders Blue Penguin habitat areas and is very close to the Westland Black Petrel colonies whom of which are endangered and are already on decline. For these reason alone the application should be declined or severely restricted. These birds are extremely vulnerable to environmental changes, climate change and marine heatwaves effect their food source, dark sky is required bright lights disorientate the Petrels and they land on the roads from where they cannot take off and in turn are hit by cars and trucks. Last season my son was finishing work in Punakaikj between 9.30-10pm in 3 weeks we picked up 9 of these birds on our way home and he didn't work every night. I'm sure there are other submissions that will give you more detail on our wildlife and the impact of this mine if allowed to go ahead.

The mine site also situated very close to the local Punakaiki Marine Reserve, significant wetlands and creeks and lagoons, these eco systems are incredible important every part relies on another to survive and flourish. These type of mines use a lot of water and I am concerned about the waterways being at risk of being drained or polluted from holding pond overflows also the management of the silt or fines that are left behind. The climate is already in despair we shouldn't

be encouraging industry which will be a detriment to our environment and increase our climate emissions through diesel generators and trucks.

The environmental risks and impact are too great for this unique fragile coastal whenua.

I oppose the application for the following reasons:

* Timeframe of consent and the intention of Tiga to mine the entire area not just what is applied for this round. They just want a foot in the door. Please don't give it to them.

* 24/7 operation (at most this should be daylight hours only and only 5 days a week)

* Implications on wildlife, (Black Petrels / Blue Penguins / Eels)

* Implications on the eco system, (Wetland protection, drainage of creeks and lagoon pollution)

* Increase of traffic on a road that is unsuitable (narrow tight roads / no safe passing areas)

* Deterioration of the Coast road with no plan to ensure from government sufficient upkeep

* Coastal Erosion

* World top 10 drives and impact on our SH6 tourist route (Untamed Natural Wilderness), which could in turn impact South Westland also

* Impact on our lifestyle (Noise/dust/vibration/pollution)

* Impact on our community whanau and Whare tapa wha (spirit / mental and physical health / whanau)

I seek for this and any further consent requests from anyone that wishes to mine the Barrytown flats to be declined in their entirety.

If this mine was to go ahead I request..

- TIGA to be made to have a yearly pool fund set aside to significantly donate to and improve the community, eg scholarships for our Tamariki, school, hall, tourist facilities, local start-ups
- 5 days a week operation (no weekends or public holidays)
- Maximum 12 hours a day (only daylight hours)
- Minimum boundary being established of 1 km between any mining activities or holding ponds to Mahers Creek wetland (and any other wetlands) / Canoe creek / Lagoons / and neighbouring properties.
- Maximum limit placed on water use from any creek or source proposed for use as to not drain the natural resources and that limit in relation to the minimum flow of resource in peak drought times
- Solid Commitment from TIGA to use local providers in a first instance as contractors / employees.
- All trucks are to be Airbag trucks only
- Strict natural restoration projects being completed as they go ... not left to end of consent
- Strict regular monitoring of compliance by council

Thank you for your time and consideration.