

**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:

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

Signature:	[REDACTED]	Date:	11/10/2023
Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):	TREVOR HAYES		

*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 the attached document for my arguments in support of my submission.

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

I oppose the application and seek the Local Authority to deny resource consent.

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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Submission of Trevor Gary Hayes

I submit that the application for resource consents from TiGa Minerals should be completely declined.

Introduction

I have lived in Punakaiki, on and off, for over 30 years. I have owned land, and paid rates here for 29 years. I have a 5 year old daughter who has just started school at the Barrytown School (aprox 10 kms from the proposed mining site) which has it's highest roll in years due to an influx of families moving to the Barrytown Flats. I am a guide on the Paparoa Track, where I promote the values of this wild and beautiful coast to the increasing numbers of visitors that come to experience this special place. The proposed industrial mine on the Barrytown Flats jeopardises the local community's livelihood, safety, and future. Opposition to the mine is almost unanimous by the people who will actually be affected by the proposal, and their numbers far outweigh the highly questionable benefits noted in the applicant's proposal.

There are many more informed, detailed and articulate submissions opposing this mine, than this one, and it is my fervent hope that the commissioners in this case will heed these arguments, and demonstrate reason, wisdom, and insight in rejecting this proposal. In the meantime I will outline the points I personally consider most relevant, and would like to speak to at any hearing...

1) There are genuine and real safety concerns relating to the outrageous increase in heavy traffic volumes proposed for this operation. Children are getting on and off the school bus along either of the proposed routes for trucking. Cyclists and drivers alike will be negatively impacted by these same movements. Assurances by TiGa ring hollow in the face of recent history. West Coasters are not stupid, and have suffered more tragedy than most by accepting false promises from foreign mining interests.

2) Adverse effects on community and individual wellbeing. SH6 is likely to become much more dangerous. Trucking noise & vibration would create stress and potential sleep loss for all living within earshot of SH6 – from early hours, all day and after dark, 7 days a week, and without respite on weekends and public holidays.

- 3) Industrial mining on the scale proposed would both contradict, and jeopardize, the West Coast Regional Council's own "Untamed Natural Wilderness" strategy, which promotes the West Coast's most valuable asset: the natural environment. Local nature tourism operators and accommodation providers are likely to be adversely affected by the proposal, both by SH6 use as a mine haulage route and by subsequent reputational damage.
- 4) The economic benefits of the proposal are uncertain. Community wellbeing and other environmental values should not be compromised in the pursuit of speculative economics.
- 5) There is the potential for unacceptable cumulative effects on the Westland petrel / Tāiko population. The notably slow reproductive rate means even a few Tāiko deaths can have a significant effect on the breeding potential of this already threatened species. The proposed mining and trucking during the hours of darkness present light distraction threats.
- 6) The proposal involves heavy use of fossil fuelled mine machinery and trucking. It would generate significant new carbon emissions and contribute to the myriad of adverse effects from global warming. It goes against the Zero Carbon Act requirement to decarbonise and transition to a low emission economy.
- 7) Related to point 6 (above), it is the commissioners duty to reject any submission that contains "frivolous or vexatious" argument. Anyone arguing that this mining proposal will contribute to the green transition required for a more sustainable future, without concrete evidence that this will occur (Titanium, one of the key products touted as a benefit from this proposal is as likely to be used for military purposes as "green" purposes) should be rejected from consideration.
- 8) The proposal is contrary to the Resource Management Act, and many national, regional and district level objectives and policies designed to protect the environment.
- 9) The operating hours of the proposed plant will make it untenable for some multi- generational families to live on their own land.

To summarise, it is pertinent to note, that what we are witnessing in this case is yet another Foreign owned corporate interest rolling into town with a seemingly unlimited budget to spend on Faustian consultants, in order for their insatiable greed to be satisfied. It should also be noted that good members of this community are being diverted from their own lives in order

to resist this travesty. Fundraising efforts, in tough financial times have been phenomenal and the spirit of the local people is challenged but undiminished in its pursuit of a sane and sustainable future. Growing numbers of people (including myself) are becoming disillusioned by the failures of our democratic structures to protect the majority of people in the interests of corporate giants. The local West Coast councils are contributing to this by claiming to be acting in the interests of the community while bitterly rejecting any arguments from the people actually affected. If this concluding statement sounds angry and emotional, that is because it is. Real people are already suffering anxiety and stress, which will certainly increase if this resource consent is granted in favour of speculative arguments and the flimsy assurances by corporate miners whose primary goal is to enrich themselves.