

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: Shirley Şerban

Postal address: [REDACTED]

I am the owner of the following property: [REDACTED]

Primary contact person: Shirley Şerban

Email address: [REDACTED]

Phone numbers:

Home:

Mobile: [REDACTED]

Business:

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



Date: 6 / 10 / 2023

Name: SHIRLEY ŞERBAN

I oppose the application

I DO NOT wish to be heard and hereby make my submission in writing only.

I **have** served a copy of my/our 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

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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:

- **Impact on the environment, which, in turn, impacts tourism to the region negatively.**
 - The proposal goes against the Resource Management Act, as well as a number of national, regional and district level objectives and policies designed to protect the environment.
 - People visit the West Coast for its natural beauty. Our slogan even is 'Untamed Natural Wilderness'. Having a mine along the Great Coast Road, lauded as a Top 10 coastal drive in the world by Lonely Planet, is certain to threaten this perception of the area. Even if tourists can't see much of the mine itself, the road will be full of trucks linked to the mine, and light pollution at night will take away the sense of natural wilderness.
 - With brand new tourism centres almost completed on either side of this planned development - in Punakaiki and in Greymouth, what kind of image of this stretch of the Coast does it give people, when we talk about our natural and cultural treasures, yet have a significant mining operation right there? This is bound to have long term repercussions on the perceived image of this part of the West Coast. With travellers having limited time in New Zealand, this could likely deter some from coming this way, which would, in turn, negatively impact local tourism, which puts earnings into local businesses, rather than an overseas-run mining operation.
 - The threatened tāiko live and breed in this area, and the noise and light pollution from mining present threats to their population. Already slow breeders, we want to ensure they are in an undisturbed environment to ensure their survival.

- **Impact on the community.**
 - SH6 is a lifeline along the West Coast, the only way in and out of town centres for a growing number of residents. Already prone to slips in areas and traffic congestion in peak tourism times with camper vans, having 50+ trucks travelling along this route daily will significantly impact this road, and peoples' experience of it. Is the infrastructure there to maintain this road with such increased heavy traffic, with minimal impact on those who depend on it daily? Will perceptions of driving along a Top 10 Coastal Road in the world be shattered, as truck after truck slows down traffic, creates additional noise and makes the place feel like an urban highway?
 - Safety for drivers, walkers and cyclists along this road. Remember that there are children and a school in this community as well, and many driveways opening out directly onto this stretch of road. Already, residents and visitors need to be careful along this road, due to the many blind turns and narrow berms. Increasing truck traffic to this extent is inviting disaster. It's only a matter of time before we hear the sad news of someone being hit.

- 24/7 noise, light and vibration pollution on an ongoing basis from trucks could impact many residents living along Coast Road, threatening sleep and the current, much quieter, environment residents moved to the area for. For those living closer to the mine, the mine's work noise and light would only exacerbate this negative impact.

Finally, is this how we foresee the direction of the West Coast and New Zealand? Carbon emissions and use of fossil fuels aside, to even consider giving an overseas company access to an area of such natural beauty and significance, for the sake of the dollar, is so upsetting. The economics are based on prediction, not fact. But the facts we have now are that we are in such a naturally unique part of the world, one recognised globally and nationally as such. We are making progress in harnessing this wonderful resource to create jobs for many, and this proposal is putting all that at risk. There are other ways to bring employment to the West Coast without destroying the land and the beauty which makes me so proud to call it home.

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