

**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-315/23

*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.

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**MINUTE NO.5 ON HEARING HOUSEKEEPING**  
**Dated 18 December 2023**

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- 1 This Minute aims to inform the parties about hearing planning developments.
- 2 Ms Barrow provided the Panel with an indicative timetable for the four scheduled hearing days. Given the scope of evidence by the applicant and submitters, the program looked tight. Therefore, the Panel has arranged an additional two days of hearing time on 12 and 13 February 2024. That will provide some insurance that there is sufficient time to hear the Council's reports and sufficient latitude within the timetable for Panel members' questioning and use of the applicant's experts at the end of the hearing to clarify matters arising during the hearing recognising that issues concerning the tāiko species and its habitat will not be fully analysed until Ms Simister gives her evidence.
- 3 The Panel has yet to finalise a date for Ms Simister's evidence by AVL but has asked the Director-General of Conservation to present any legal submissions and other evidence so that any legal argument has exposure during the scheduled hearing process. If necessary, the submissions can be supplemented later when Ms Simister gives evidence.
- 4 The Panel and the parties need to be somewhat flexible about the schedule, including inserting experts out of order to accommodate these adjustments.
- 5 The Panel has not received any advice about tikanga or other cultural matters but is open to meeting any Council protocols or Mana Whakahono a Rohe, which could include a hearing opening by Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae. Discussions on this could perhaps be performed directly by Councils, and the Panel will follow that lead.



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John Maassen  
Commissioner (Chairperson)