

**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), 9 km south of Punakaiki township and 36 km north of Greymouth

PART B: SUBMITTER DETAILS

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

Signature:	Date:
[REDACTED]	13/10/2023
Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):	
LAURA GARBER	

*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)

I oppose the granting of a resource consent for this applicant.

1. This operation relies entirely on road transport. As we face a climate emergency, the heavily fossil fuelled extraction as well as transporting of minerals around the globe seems inconceivable. All mining should be stringently restricted. Less will be more.
2. The West Coast, in particular between Westport and Greymouth is the heart of the "Untamed Natural Wilderness" image, an image which funds thousands of already existing businesses and jobs. A mine does not agree with this image and will negatively influence visitor experience. New Zealand has the fortune of having relatively large areas of untouched nature remain intact. There are less than 5% of these areas in the world. For the sake of us all it is paramount to keep these areas as protected as possible. Although the land for the mine is only considered farmland, it is still surrounded by some unique wetlands and relatively healthy ecosystems.
3. The infrastructure is not sufficient to support such an operation. SH6 is the only road available and in need of constant repair already. The encroaching ocean as well as rockfall and landslides only exacerbate this.
4. Residence in the area have come here to live to enjoy the quiet and peace of the area. Mining will seriously influence life quality. Very few of the locals will benefit from the proposal in any shape or form.
5. Granting resource consent to TiGa will potentially lead to further exploration as well as seeking of consents for further mining operations, a development which would exacerbate above mentioned points.

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

I would like to see the council show wisdom and perspective into the future, acknowledging that we, humanity as a whole, finds itself in a crucial phase in time. Restricting mining permits as well as increasing protection of last remaining natural treasures will be of utmost importance for our continued existence. Acknowledgment that just patching the symptoms of the climate change disease wont be enough but that a fundamental change in our attitudes will be essential.

I would welcome creativity and innovation on behalf of the council to look after already existing enterprises as well as creating "out of the box" projects to move with the times. Mining should remain only a very small part of this. Instead reforestation and regeneration should be where jobs could be created and money would be wisely spend on. Looking after the population(we, the ratepayers) that has a long term interest in this region is far more important than bowing to a corporation that has a short term and purely monetary vision for this land.

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.

Your information is held and administered by the West Coast Regional Council in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the Privacy Act 1993. This means that your information may be disclosed to other people who request it in accordance with the terms of these Acts. It is therefore important you let us know if your form includes any information you consider should not be disclosed.



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