

**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	Anthony Thomas Sole		
Postal address	[REDACTED]		
I am the owner/occupier (delete one) of the following property:	[REDACTED]		
Primary contact person/s	Tony Sole		
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Phone number/s	Home:	[REDACTED]	Business: n/a
	Mobile:	n/a	Fax: n/a

Signature:

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

Date:

13.10.23

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):

ANTHONY THOMAS SOLE

*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 separate attached pdf document for details of my submission:

'Tony Sole TiGa submission Oppose'

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

I request that the applications be DECLINED in their 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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I request that the TiGa Resource Consent applications be DECLINED in their entirety.

SUBMISSION by Tony Sole opposing TiGa RC applications to mine on the Barrytown Flats

Background

1. My partner and I have lived at Punakaiki since 2008. We often tell people we “wouldn’t live anywhere else” and it’s because of the stunning natural environment, our peaceful existence here, and the community we have become part of. We now find much of this threatened by an ambitious industrial mining proposal.

Introduction

2. My main reason for opposing the applications by TiGa Minerals and Metals is the significant adverse effects trucking the heavy mineral sands along the Coast Road would have on the environment and on the community.

Trucking

3. The spectre of open-cast mining right next to a scenic highway, with dozens of mining trucks thundering along the road 17 hours a day, seven days a week, horrifies me. I am hardly alone in this – most people I talk to are appalled and many, especially visitors, find it hard to believe this is even being considered.
4. We can’t afford to put visitors off in this way – many in our community make a living from tourism one way or another. And tourism provides a much more sustainable future for the region than mining ever will.
5. And I hear of people who have thought seriously about coming to live here, attracted for many of the same reasons we were. And then they hear about the mine and it’s all over.
6. It is disconcerting that the company still hasn’t said whether they will truck north or south. Playing this “maybe we will, maybe we won’t” game with Coast Road communities means no-one living and working on the length of the road from Greymouth to Westport can actually calculate for sure the magnitude of the noise, dust, vibration, and heavy traffic obstructions we will have to deal with. Sometimes I wonder if there’s a deliberate ploy here – is TiGa hoping we’ll all hope we won’t be personally much affected and so won’t oppose their plans? Or are they just disorganised? Either way, it doesn’t bode well for their business plan.
7. TiGa say the road is capable of carrying these heavy truck and trailer units. I disagree. The road is already crumbling on the edge in places, slumping in others, down to one lane in others, frequently partially or fully closed by rockfall or landslide everywhere. I have no confidence that the impact of 50 heavy truck and trailer units every day, each carrying 30 tonnes, will be “no more than minor”. Whatever TiGa say.

8. TiGa say their trucks will pull over to let us pass. Where? I'm thinking more of coming up behind mining trucks, loaded with ore, that are already stuck behind slower tourist vehicles – and we have our share of those. I foresee convoys and reckless overtaking by impatient drivers.
9. The safety of oncoming traffic doesn't seem to have registered with TiGa, but it's in the minds of many of us. The mining trucks could be coming at us in any number, at any time from 5am right through to 10pm.
10. TiGa do not seem to have even tried to calculate the potential carbon emissions of digging up, processing and transporting 250,000 tonnes of heavy mineral sands each year to . . . somewhere.
11. The Westland petrel or tāiko, already a threatened species, is easily confused by lights. The proposed mine is near the only place in the world where these petrels make land and breed. We value them here. TiGa claim to be avoiding or mitigating any effects of truck headlights on the tāiko, but I find this hard to accept when they still plan to drive from 5am and up to 10pm. Obviously it's still dark, or gets dark, during those times.
12. When the applicant, then known as Barrytown JV Ltd, was declined consent in 2021-2022, they were proposing 24/7 trucking. Night time trucking was shown to be unacceptable. They now claim to have 'volunteered' to reduce trucking hours, but this is a double-edged sword especially as, rather than reducing trucking, the applicant has actually increased the daily number, so that instead of 30 spread around the clock in 2021, we now have 50 per day crammed into 17 hours.
13. I don't want this state highway turned into a mining haulage route and I don't want to see the rural and natural environment compromised by a hugely trucking-intensive industry.

I request consent be DECLINED



Tony Sole

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13 Oct 2023