SUBMISSION **ON AN APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT** **UNDER SECTION 96** **OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**	Office Use Only	THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

PART A: DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION

CONSENT NUMBER:	APPLICANT:
RC-2023-0046	TIGA MINERALS AND METALS LTD

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY:

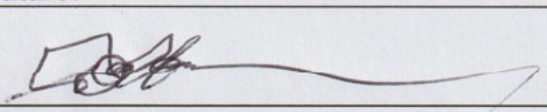
Establish and operate a mineral sands mine, including construction of associated infrastructure.

LOCATION:

Barrytown Flats, west of State Highway 6 (Coast Road), 9km south of Punakaiki township and 36km

PART B: SUBMITTER DETAILS

Full name/s	Steven T Branca		
Postal address	[redacted]		
I am the owner/occupier (delete one) of the following property:			
Primary contact person/s	Steven T Branca		
Email address	[redacted]		
Phone number/s	Home:	Business:	
	Mobile: [redacted]	Fax:	

Signature:	**Date:**
	9 October 2023
Name (BLOCK CAPITALS): STEVEN T BRANCA /signed/	

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.

(tick one)

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)

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)

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APPLICANT: TIGA MINERALS AND METALS LTD

OPPOSE the application in its entirety.

See attachment.

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

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REJECT the application in its entirety.
1. There are no minor details of this proposal that can make it an acceptable use of this land. The entire project / land use is inappropriate.
2. There is no compelling economic reason to mine this area.

See attached page for precise details.

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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Attachment
Submission by Steven T Branca

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I OPPOSE the application in its entirety.

I oppose the application due to:

1. Any suggestion that effects of this mine are no more than minor is unsupportable by any standard of law, reason or logic.
2. There are no minor details of this proposal that can be changed to make it an acceptable use of this land. The very project is inappropriate and an example of poor coastal planning.
3. There is no compelling economic reason to mine this area. Commodity products through strip mining provide little economic benefit to New Zealand. These materials are not a rare commodity. There are abundant sources of these materials to be mined throughout the world.
4. Commodity prices are notoriously volatile which affects the long term viability of this mine. Its useful life can be very short.
5. In reality, there will be comparatively few jobs created by this mine. It will not materially improve the economy of the West Coast. It will actually damage its unique assets, which are an economic resource that once destroyed can never be replaced.
6. Mines are the most environmentally destructive of all man's actions, wherever they are.
7. This is a stark case of privatising benefits and socialising costs. In other words, the public costs of this project outweigh public benefit.
8. Visitor money stays on the West Coast rather than being exported, and will certainly decrease as environmental destruction is inflicted on an highly visible natural asset of global significance.
9. The West Coast would be better served by increasing promotion of its unique natural assets.
10. Preserving natural assets, aesthetic, and amenity quality of the West Coast will provide benefits in perpetuity. The same cannot be said for a low value activity like mining. Once the mine is played out or the company decides it is no longer viable, which it can do at any time, the West Coast lives with permanent damage.
11. The Westland petrel is significantly adversely affected by habitat disruption and lights. Mines rely on very bright lights throughout every night. Noise, dust, ground and surface water pollution, toxics, and heavy truck and machinery traffic are inevitable parts of mining. There could hardly be a more impactful activity in this area.
12. Threatening the Westland petrel is contrary to national and local policy and the future vision of a clean, green New Zealand, our global "brand". Once gone, it's gone. International visitors will be unimpressed.
13. It is long past time to give priority to nature and ecosystem services over destructive, old-economy activities like mining. This is not investment, it is disinvestment in New Zealand's natural capital.
14. Again, any legal argument suggesting that effects of this mine are no more than minor is absurd on its face.
15. For the good of the West Coast, New Zealand, our natural legacy, and our competitiveness in the visitor marketplace, please reject this application in full.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.