

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: Norman Donald Campbell

Postal address: [REDACTED]

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

Primary contact person/s:

Email address: [REDACTED]

Phone numbers:

Home: [REDACTED]

Mobile: [REDACTED]

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

Date: 06/10/2023

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS): NORMAN DONALD CAMPBELL

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 submission on the Applicant as per Section 96(6)(b) of the RMA
Yes I will as soon as possible after sending this to the Council.

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.

Submission

This application will have a significant negative impact on the natural beauty that is such a positive attribute both for West Coast locals quality of life and for tourism, and will create major negative consequences for the coast road. I oppose the application on the following grounds: -

Nature Tourism: West Coast Regional Council sells this area under the brand “Untamed Natural Wilderness”. It has a worldwide reputation for nature tourism, with Lonely Planet naming it as one of the top 10 coastal drives in the world. This will not be the case when there are trucks going up and down the road every few minutes detracting from the wild beauty, creating noise and diesel pollution and compromising tourist movement. It is contradictory to allow this while the government is investing significant funds in tourism via the \$41M Dolomite Point redevelopment.

Trucking: There will be significant adverse effects associated with the heavy trucking. The road is already a vulnerable road requiring high maintenance given West Coast weather conditions and the aggravation of these from climate change. Heavy trucks with 30 tons of mineral sands multiple times a day, either north or south, will damage it further. This will cause more difficulties for the locals and West Coast businesses and reduce its appeal to tourists. It will lead to increased expenditure on the road. Safety will also be compromised by having so many large vehicles using it.

Climate Change: Climate change is the most urgent and significant issues facing our planet and man-kind. This proposal is emission intensive with open-cast mining and what will be almost continuous emission of diesel pollutants.

Economic Grounds: The adverse effects of this proposal outweigh any short-term economic benefits. The West Coast has opportunities to develop its economy in ways that protect its natural beauty and resources, building on the unique features it offers without damaging the environment and negatively impacting on people’s livelihoods and quality of life. Development owned by New Zealanders returns the profit to New Zealand. The shareholding of TiGa Minerals and Metals Ltd is 89% foreign owned and thus the vast majority of profits (and return to capital) will accrue to overseas shareholders.

I seek the following decision from the Local Authority:

that the application be declined in its entirety.