

**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:

RC-2023-0133-05
RC-2023-0133-06

Westland Mineral Sands Co

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY:

Construct and operate opencast mineral sand mine

LOCATION:

713 Ruatapu Rd. Mananui

PART B: SUBMITTER DETAILS

Full name/s	Megan F. Waugh David Lochlan Waugh Glenis M. Waugh.		
Postal address	[Redacted]		
I am the owner/occupier (delete one) of the following property:	"		
Primary contact person/s	David Waugh		
Email address	[Redacted]		
Phone number/s	Home:	[Redacted]	Business:
	Mobile:	[Redacted]	Fax:

Signature:	Date:
[Signatures: Megan F. Waugh, Glenis M. Waugh, D.L. Waugh]	21/3/2025
Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):	
MEGAN WAUGH D.L. WAUGH G.M. WAUGH	

*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 wish to submit on the applications lodged with the **West Coast Regional Council**
I/we wish to submit on applications lodged with the **Westland District Council**
I/we wish to submit on applications lodged with **BOTH** Councils

(tick one)

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I/we **support** the application

I/we **oppose** the application

I/we **neither support nor oppose** the application

(tick one)

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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.

(tick one)

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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. These documents will be sent electronically. Only under special circumstances will a hard copy be sent.

☐ Hard (paper) copy

Reasons for a hard 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)

We are concerned that the proposed sand mining operation will inadvertently contaminate the wetlands drained by Mahinapua Creek. In the present situation Lake Mahinapua acts as a natural sediment settling pond with the water flowing from it and spreading into the wetlands between the lake and Hokitika Lagoon providing a uniquely pure habitat for many native species, in particular the various varieties of adult whitebait.

We have been around long enough to have encountered many examples of mining and other industrial operations near natural waterways where, with the best will in the world the protection measures taken have failed either through human error or by natural forces. When this occurs the damage to the environment is often irreversible or takes decades to recover. Often the first sign of something is amiss are the quantities of dead fish or polluted birds. By then sorry is too late and not enough. Can the proponents of the mining operation 100% guarantee that no chemical or sediment spillage will ever occur as a result of their activities?

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

The Westland Coast Regional Council needs to place the most stringent environmental protection requirements on the mineral sands mining operation with regard to the purity of water discharged into Mahinapua Creek and continues to monitor the operation to ensure compliance throughout and after completion of mining.

I/we have attached additional information/reports to support my/our submission

☐ Yes

Important information – please read carefully