

Submission: Westland Mineral Sands Ltd – Applications for West Coast Regional Council
Resource Consent RC-2023-0133 and Westland District Council Resource Consent RC240013 –

Pursuant to s96 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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I support the applications referenced within this document and do not wish to be heard in support of this submission at any hearing that may be held.

I wish to receive electronic copies of the s42A Officer's Report and Decision.

I have served a copy of my on the Applicant as per s96(6)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Reasons for Submission:

The application is a well-planned proposal from a proven performer. The aspect I would particularly like to comment on is that the West Coast region needs this project and similar for the jobs that they create.

Although the region currently has a healthy job market, this is a recent phenomenon, caused in large part by growth in the mineral industry, and starting from a very low base.

It has not always been this way. I left the West Coast as a young man because of the lack of local job prospects, only ever returning on visits to friends and family.

Of my 6 nephews and nieces born on the West Coast only two remain there. Of the two remaining the youngest is set to leave for university. Will there be job prospects for him and his peers to return to?

The mineral industry is often referred to by its detractors as being 'extractive'. But is there anything more sad and extractive than a region that habitually exports its young people to other regions and countries in search of employment?

I seek the following decision from the Consent Authorities:

That the application be granted in its entirety.

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