

**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

Westland Minerals Sands

RC-240013

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY:

Heavy mineral sands mining operation at Mananui

LOCATION:

Mananui

**PART B: SUBMITTER DETAILS**

Full name/s	Tania Gibson		
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I am the <del>owner</del> /occupier (delete one) of the following property:	Rochfort Street, Greymouth 7805		
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Signature:

Date:

2 April 2025

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):

TANIA KAYE GIBSON

*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

(tick one)



I/we **oppose** the application

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

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I/we **wish to be heard** in support of my/our submission.

(tick one)

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I/we **DO NOT wish to be heard** and hereby make my/our submission in writing only.



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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

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Yes

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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)

I support the Resource consent application for Westland Mineral Sands, heavy mineral sands mining operation at Mananui.

New Zealand and the world need the rare earth minerals that will be mined at Mananui for new technologies. They are included on the government's new critical minerals list.

The coalition government is also supportive of the minerals sector and this operation aligns with their statements on growing industry and economic growth for the regions.

The 65-70 new positions that will be created is critical to the West Coast's economy and growth as a region. The \$37.9 million increase in GDP to the region will create significant opportunities and positive effects. It will also have off-shoots in growth to many other supporting industries and sectors in our communities.

Mitigations, sustainability plans have been taken into comprehensive consideration with effects on the natural environment and biodiversity along with plans in the future of rehabilitation. The use of the farmland is only temporary and will be returned to productive land as the site progresses with the proposed mining methodology designed to minimize land disturbance.

The proposed water management system is thorough.

Projected traffic movements and noise affects are reasonable with the intention for as minimal disruption on surrounding areas.

I have visited the West Coast Mineral Sands site in Buller and it was hard to find, was not visible from the road and once there it was quiet and peaceful blending in with the surrounding farmland. Major concerns were raised from residents when this site was proposed and now it is there it just blends in with little effects at all and this well run site has alleviated earlier concerns. One concern was that it would devalue surrounding properties but the properties sold in the vicinity have not dropped but risen, consistent with the prices of property on the West Coast. This site is a credit to the company, and I am confident their intentions will be the same for the development of the Mananui site.

Leaders of the West Coast including the Mayors, Chairs and Iwi group are supportive of Westland Mineral Sands and their plans for the region including their Buller site and potential opportunities for the Greymouth Port that the Mananui minerals will be shipped from. Mananui will be an important element in revitalizing the Grey Port and aligns with the Coastal Shipping Strategy. It will bring more jobs and people to the region, and we are excited about the opportunities it will create.

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

The granting of the consents and the Mananui site to proceed.

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

☐ Yes

**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 and Westland District 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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