

**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:

RC240013 RC-2023-0133-
01 - 07 RC240013

Westland Mineral Sands Ltd

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY:

Heavy Mineral Mining and discharge of water

LOCATION:

Mananui Westland Lot 1 DP 3854 (RT WS8C/973)

PART B: SUBMITTER DETAILS

Full name/s	Karen Therese Stuart		
Postal address	[REDACTED]		
I am the owner/occupier (delete one) of the following property: Both	[REDACTED]		
Primary contact person/s	Karen Stuart		
Email address	[REDACTED]		
Phone number/s	Home:	[REDACTED]	Business:
	Mobile:	[REDACTED]	Fax:

Signature:	Date:
[REDACTED]	02/04/2025
Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):	
Karen Stuart	

*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** Both councils ✓

(tick one)

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(tick one)

I/we **support** the application

I/we **oppose** the application

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

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

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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

☐ 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

Introduction:

My name is Karen Stuart, I was born in Hokitika and have spent much of my life in this area. I own property opposite this proposed Mineral Sands project and know the area very well. I strongly object to this project for ecological and sociological reasons. I have outlined my concerns below in response to each consent sought that I wish to oppose. This submission to both the Westland District Council and the Westland Regional Council.

I acknowledge that for many this will be seen as a benefit to the Westcoast area but the legacy of inappropriate land use, ecological damage and water degradation that this project will leave will also outweigh any short term benefits in terms of job generation and economic growth. The costs of regenerating damaged waterways and wetlands is immense and will take many generations to effect.

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

Declined resource consent

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

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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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RC-2023-0133-01

Land Use Consent

To undertake earthworks associated with mineral sands mining, Mananui.

Oppose

This is a quiet rural area both bordering a natural protected wetland and a main highway with a 100km speed limit

RC-2023-0133-02

Land Use Consent

NES-F

To undertake earthworks and land disturbance within 100m of a natural inland wetland associated with mineral sands mining, Mananui.

Oppose

Ecological Damage

Undertaking earthworks this close to natural inland wetlands poses a threat to essential bird habitat, particularly the Kotuku. I have observed many Kotaku in this area over the years I have lived there and an increase over the past 3 years with some staying in the area for 3 months or more. Other species including Long tailed bats, plants, water and land based species will all be threatened. There is also a whitebait sanctuary in this area which will be threatened. NZ has a huge problem with threatened wetlands and once disturbed or interfered with these are extremely difficult to recover.

RC-2023-0133-03

Water Permit

To take and use groundwater from a dredge pond associated with mineral sands mining, Mananui.

Oppose This will possibly change the water table and impact the natural springs that occur here.

RC-2023-0133-04

Water Permit

To take and use groundwater from a well associated with mineral sands mining

Oppose

My well ran dry this summer as the spring water dried up and I wasn't even running stock on the property. I seriously question the report by KSL, This particular area has lower rainfall and is dryer than reported. I would be concerned that at some stage access would be requested to extract water from the neighbouring Mahinapua Creek.

RC-2023-0133-05

Discharge Permit

To discharge water (dewatering water) containing contaminants to land where it may enter water via settling ponds associated with mineral sand mining, Mananui.

Oppose

This would allow toxic sludge into an area where there are pristine springs and fragile ecosystems. This mustn't be allowed to happen

RC-2023-0133-06

Discharge Permit

To discharge water (processing tailings

water) containing contaminants to land where it may enter water via a dredge pond associated with mineral sand mining, Mananui

Oppose

This would allow toxic sludge into an area where there are pristine springs and fragile ecosystems. Please do not forget that this is a whitebait sanctuary

RC-2023-0133-07

Discharge Permit

To discharge water (processing and mine water) containing contaminants to land where it may enter water via an infiltration trench associated with mineral sand mining, Mananui

Oppose

My concerns are that this would allow toxic sludge into an area where there are pristine springs and fragile ecosystems.

Table 2: Resource consent applied for with the Westland District Council.

Consent Number

RC240013

Land Use Consent

To construct, operate and maintain a mineral sand mine, including associated infrastructure and buildings over an area of approximately 112ha, located at 713 Ruatapu Road (State Highway 6), Mananui within the Rural Zone under the Operative 4Westland District Plan ('ODP'), General Rural Zone, Outstanding Natural Landscape and Pounamu Management Area under the Proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan ('PDP') and Coastal Hazard Alert Area under Variation 1 of the PDP

('PDP Variation').

Oppose

This is a massive development in a quiet, rural zone which will have irreversible impacts and effects on the people that live there, their day to day activity, the tourists that drive that road and entrance to our beautiful town. I see that Mineral Sands propose to build 'noise bunds' but not along the walking track that leads to the Mahinapua cycle trail and walkway this is very disturbing and disrespectful. Not the clean, green image that the NZ tries to portray.

Traffic Impacts

The report does not address the reality of how dangerous this road is.

Peak truck movements:

70 + truck movements a day along this road is a disaster waiting to happen. I have seen many close calls on this road and that doesn't include the cyclists that have to ride on this main highway to get to the iconic cycle trail. The local police spend 3 hours per day between 4 -7pm gaining revenue from the speeding tourists and some unsuspecting locals. I witness this from my elevated property. I believe the traffic management plan will cause chaos,