



SUBMISSION ON AN APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT UNDER SECTION 96 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991	Office Use Only		
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PART A: DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION

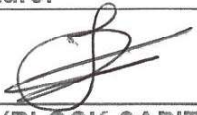
CONSENT NUMBER: RC240013	APPLICANT: Westland mineral Sands co
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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY:
Land use consent

LOCATION:
713 Ruatapu Road, State highway 6 Manarua

PART B: SUBMITTER DETAILS

Full name/s	Johanna Elizabeth maria Timmerman		
Postal address	[REDACTED]		
I am the owner/occupier (delete one) of the following property:	as above		
Primary contact person/s	J. Timmerman		
Email address	[REDACTED]		
Phone number/s	Home:	[REDACTED]	Business:
	Mobile:	[REDACTED]	Fax:

Signature: 	Date: 02-04-'25
Name (BLOCK CAPITALS): J.E.M. TIMMERMAN	

*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)

I oppose the proposal for reasons outlined in my attached document

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

① Granting consent be put on hold until the outlined impacts are considered and addressed.

② consent be declined if impacts are considered to be excessive.

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

☒ Yes

Important information – please read carefully

I wish to make a submission on the proposed Mananui Minerals Mining Project. While I do not necessarily oppose the mine itself, I have serious concerns about the flow on effects on Hokitika and its residents, which I understand go with the mining project. I will outline my concerns below.

1. Impacts on the image of Hokitika

Hokitika is known as "Cool Little Town", it is a popular tourist destination and it is well liked by residents and visitors due to its location, natural surroundings and the quiet place it is, and I am very concerned about the changes the operations of the mine will bring to the image and people's experiences.

- How is the mine and the increase of traffic and noise going to affect this image and popularity?
- How is it going to effect the local businesses that depend totally or partially on tourism and visitors?
- How "cool" is our small town going to be for residents and visitors, how will it change people's experiences?
- Have the businesses possibly affected been approached?
- How will the landscape change at and around the mine site and how will that change people's experiences?

I am concerned about the possible future image of Hokitika as a "mining town" rather than a "cool little town" and for the West Coast to be known for its mining rather than its wilderness. I believe it is important for the future of Hokitika and the Coast to consider the impact of (more) mining on the West Coast and what is important, how we want to portray Hokitika and the West Coast to tourists but also to people wanting to move here and attracting future employees to the West Coast, something the coast struggles with already.

2. Impacts on residents of Hokitika

I understand from the information that there will be 70 heavy vehicle movements per day, however it fails to mention whether this is one way and between what hours of the day. For residents living on or near the State Highway and on Fitzherbert Street this means a vast increase of traffic - noise, vibrations, fumes and dust. Business located on these roads will also be effected, some of these being tourism businesses such as motels, which may effect visitors and bed nights, their livelihood.

- What will the impact be on property development and prices?
- Does it mean an increase or decrease of property values?
- What does the increase in heavy vehicle use on our roads mean for our future rates?
- How are the residents of Hokitika, and in particular those living near or on the roads where the trucks will be driving, going to benefit from the mine? The brochure reads that the mine will mean a "37.9 million boost to the West Coast economy" - what is that exactly going to look like?
- In the information it reads that alternative transportation options will be investigated -

does that mean that new roads or train tracks will be built or that trucks will be using the road through Blue Spur and a new port might be built in Hokitika?

- The information reads that the mine will create 60-70 jobs - how many of those will/can realistically be filled by local people and for how long?

Personally I do not like the idea of the enormous increase in heavy vehicle movements and will struggle with the impacts. The back of my property is on the railway track and the main road, and there is enough noise, vibrations, fumes and dust already from the train and traffic going past as it is. I worry for the residents and business of Hokitika and question the (long term) financial impacts, be it positive or negative, and more specific information about jobs, alternative transportation and the traffic impact report needs be shared with the public.

3. Impacts on safety

Together with Greymouth we have created one of the best cycling trails in the country which is attracting thousands of visitors and I wonder is the operation of the mine going to impact on cyclists' experiences and safety? NZ is also a popular cycling destination for overseas tourists but unlike in many other countries, we see cyclists in NZ using the State Highways, where traffic is driving past at 100km an hour, and there are hardly any separate cycle lanes along these roads. I assume that an increase in heavy vehicles on the road also could mean an increase in accidents or near accidents.

Hokitika does not have any pedestrian crossings (despite advocating for this for reasons of improved safety) or traffic lights on Fitzherbert Street. The 80 km zone starts at the northern end of town before the last intersection and before the glow worm dell - in itself an accident waiting to happen because of people visiting the glow worms, parking along the main road and crossing the main road. Many cars and trucks do not reduce speed until they are past the 50 km zone. It has been a mistake to move the 50 km sign south, past the turn off to Richards Drive, but with the possible increase in heavy traffic it becomes even more a safety issue.

- How safe is it going to be to use and cross the road with the increase of (heavy) traffic for all users?

- What is being done to address this or is an increase in accidents and possible fatalities an acceptable consequence?

- The brochure states that a "traffic impact report" was undertaken to minimise disruption to the community - what does that mean in reality?

I am concerned about the increase in traffic movements all around through Hokitika (and Greymouth) and on the West Coast roads, considering that the roads are shared with cyclists and pedestrians, tourists, school children and elderly, and there are no off road cycle lanes apart from the Wilderness Trail and no safe places to cross Fitzherbert Street.

4. Impacts on people's health and wellbeing

Many residents living on or near Fitzherbert Street and the State Highway have had to cope with an increase in traffic over the years - for reasons of natural growth of the population and businesses, and/or increased productivity.

Noise, vibrations, pollution from dust and fumes affects people's health and wellbeing. The up to 70 (or 140?) truck movements per day will definitely have an impact on some residents, their health, wellbeing, feelings of safety, enjoyment. How many of us would have chosen to live where we are now had we known? Some may choose to leave, some may not have that option. Recently residents moved into their new Kainga Ora homes, and more are being built.

- Has consideration been given to not only the economic benefits but also the impact on residents' and ratepayers' health and wellbeing, and has consultation taken place with residents and health services providers?

- How are residents going to cope? How will it affect their sleep and mental wellbeing? What is in it for them, for us?

Huge emphasis has been on the economic benefits to Hokitika and the region, which I do understand, but more attention now needs to be given to the impact on local people, their health and wellbeing, and the possible effects on (tourism) businesses.

So, while I do not oppose the Mananui Minerals Mining Project in itself, I strongly oppose the flow on effects of the increased heavy vehicle traffic, as I am one of the residents living near Fitzherbert Street, using the roads to cycle and walk and impacted by the increase in heavy vehicle traffic through town.

Kind regards,

JEM Timmerman

