

**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

Westland Mineral Sands Co. Ltd

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY:

To construct, operate and maintain a mineral sand mine, including associated infrastructure and buildings over an area of approximately 112ha.

LOCATION:

713 Ruatapu Road (State Highway 6), Mananui.

PART B: SUBMITTER DETAILS

Full name/s	Joint submission from residents & property owners of: 1. Martin Pierson & Samantha Tomlinson, [REDACTED] 2. Charmaine Michell, [REDACTED] 3. Glen & Nichola McGuire, [REDACTED] 4. Lauri Monk & Beau Cain, [REDACTED] 5. Clare Backes & Keith Morfett, [REDACTED] 6. Duncan Kay & Anni Brumby, [REDACTED] 7. Angela Fox & Mark Still, [REDACTED] 8. Ashley & Charlotte Cassin, [REDACTED] 9. Jess & Troy Styles, [REDACTED] 10. Lindsay Loveday, [REDACTED] 11. Merv & Norma Nicolle, [REDACTED] 12. Chris Osauskas, [REDACTED] 13. Tom & Karen Peterson, [REDACTED] 14. Kevin & Margaret Hamilton, [REDACTED] 15. Lisa Wieblitz & Olivia Anderson, [REDACTED] 16. Sandy Washington & Alan Crook, [REDACTED] 17. Alison Jenkins, [REDACTED] 18. Matt Cant & Shelley McNee, [REDACTED] 19. Zak & Laura Neale, Grant Hinchliff, [REDACTED] 20. Tineke & Sam Mann, [REDACTED] 21. Sarah Brown, [REDACTED]		
Postal address	[REDACTED]		
I am the owner of the following property:	[REDACTED]		
Primary contact person/s	Zak Neale		
Email address	[REDACTED]		
Phone number/s	Home:	-	Business: -
	Mobile:	[REDACTED]	Fax: -

Signature:	Date:
[REDACTED]	2 nd April 2025
Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):	
ZAK NEALE	

*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**

(tick one)

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I/we wish to submit on applications lodged with the **Westland District Council**

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I/we wish to submit on applications lodged with **BOTH Councils**

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I/we **support** the application

(tick one)

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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.

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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

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Yes

We are making this joint submission on behalf of property owners at Takutai Terrace and Inanga Place, Ruatapu.

Our submission **opposes** the resource consent application based on it having insufficient measures to mitigate traffic hazards influenced by the applicant's proposed activities. We are **proposing amendments** to the resource consent conditions imposed by Westland District Council (or the nominated Commissioner) to ensure the safety of cyclists and pedestrians is properly managed.

The application outlines the expected impact of vehicle movements in the following documents:

- *Att F2 DRAFT Transport Management Mananui*
- *Att F Mananui Integrated Transport Assessment*

The proposed activity will significantly increase traffic on the state highway.

The applicant's documents indicate there will be a significant increase in heavy vehicles using the state highway between the proposed site at Mananui and Greymouth Port. According to the applicant's transport management plan, there will be "4-axle trucks towing 4 or 5-axle trailers, fitted with bulk bathtub bodies", each carrying 30-40T of material, using the state highway at all hours of the day and night, at a rate of 70 movements per day and a maximum of 6 movements per hour.

Additionally, there will be an increase in light vehicle movements associated with the proposed mine. The Integrated Transport Assessment states the peak traffic flow will increase by 48 movements per hour, from the current 263 (an 18% increase in traffic flow).

A certain stretch of state highway is used frequently by cyclists and pedestrians.

The portion of State Highway 6 between the intersections of Takutai Terrace and Golf Links Road/Arthurstown Road is used frequently by pedestrians and cyclists to access the West Coast Wilderness Trail, the town of Hokitika and Arthurstown Road. There are currently 21 occupied properties at Takutai Terrace and Inanga Place, with potential for another 8 in the near future. Most residents have said they and/or their visitors walk, run or cycle on this section of the state highway.

The proposed activity increases the traffic risk on this stretch of road.

The portion of road in question is already hazardous to pedestrians and cyclists due to the high speed limit (open road, 100km/h) and the lack of separation between them and motor vehicles. In particular, we the submitters have noticed that when large or heavy vehicles pass, they create air pressure disturbances, they use up a large portion of the road (affecting traffic in both directions) and their close proximity can be frightening, especially for children.

Additionally, we the submitters have witnessed various incidents and close calls on the state highway at the southern end of the Hokitika bridge, particularly near the intersection with Golf Links Road, and also near the access to Southside Historical Aerodrome and Southside NZMCA Park. If a heavy vehicle was to be involved in a crash at these sites, it would be considerably more harmful than a light vehicle.

The applicant must do more to ensure safety of road users affected by the proposed activity.

In the resource consent application, consideration has been made to the effects on traffic near the proposed site. However, we believe the applicant has not sufficiently considered these effects at other points in the transport network. The applicant's solution of their "drivers needing to slow and overtake [cyclists] as appropriate" (proposed Transport Management Plan, section 6.5) is sensible but not enough to manage the traffic risks on the stretch of state highway between Takutai Terrace and Golf Links Road.

We propose that Westland District Council add a condition to mitigate the road safety risks.

The solution we are proposing is not complicated, and relatively inexpensive, but we believe it will reduce the risk to an acceptable level. We propose that additional consideration is given to these traffic impacts and associated effects, with a requirement for Westland District Council to add a condition to the resource consent for the applicant to work with the relevant agency or agencies (e.g. Waka Kotahi NZTA, Westland District Council) to establish a **safe lane** and **safe crossing points** for pedestrians and cyclists, and to reduce the **speed limit** along the affected stretch of state highway.

Refer to the appendix for a concept of this solution.

We seek the following decision from the Local Authority/Authorities:

That the **Westland District Council** imposes the following condition on the resource consent:

The applicant is to work with the relevant agency/agencies to fulfil the following:

1. That a **safe lane** is created alongside State Highway 6 between its intersections with Takutai Terrace and Golf Links Road/Arthurstown Road, with the intent to separate motor vehicle traffic from pedestrians and cyclists. The lane shall have a surface maintained to the same standards as the West Coast Wilderness Trail.
2. That **safe crossing points** of State Highway 6 and Golf Links Road are created, to allow pedestrians and cyclists to travel safely between Takutai Terrace and the West Coast Wilderness Trail.
3. That the **speed limit** is reduced to 80km/h on State Highway 6 from at least 200m South-East of the Takutai Terrace intersection, to Hokitika.

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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Appendix: Concept for a pedestrian and cycle route from Takutai Terrace to Golf Links Road.

