



WEST COAST
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**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
01thru7

RC-2023-0133-

Westland Mineral Sands Co. Limited

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	Ben Gaia		
Postal address	[REDACTED]		
I am the owner of the following property:	[REDACTED]		
Primary contact person/s	Ben Gaia		
Email address	[REDACTED]		
Phone number/s	Home:	[REDACTED]	Business:
	Mobile:		Fax:

Signature:

Ben Gaia

Date:

18/03/25

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):

BEN GAIA

*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.*

(tick one)

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)

I/we **support** the application

I/we **oppose** the application

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

(tick one)

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.

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 would be opposed to the mineral sand mine at Mananui.
ICONIC VIEW

Aside from being an iconic tourist view the first sight of the alps and bush as they drive from the East Coast...people stop their cars and gasp as they photograph the sight...outstanding landscape all right. Promoted throughout the world to attract tourists to our clean green shores. The natural amenity would be lost, as the pasture neatly frames the bush reserve and public views from SH6.

BEST FARM LAND

Under the Regional Council plan it was recommended to retain as much good agricultural land in the West Coast area as possible for food and production self sufficiency. This large farm has been carefully developed for thirty years into a high yield silage farm and dairy run off, on some of the best drained and most accessible flat farmland in the whole Westland area. Such prime farmland should be retained and tilled, not dug over, its drainage and fertility ruined.

WATER POLLUTION

Mineral sand mining processes involved will create radioactive residues, and silt laden discharges, which if poorly managed can seep into the local water tables and protected whitebait spawning habitat, having a potentially disastrous effect on the pristine local fishery and very diverse waterfowl species living on and around the farm. No water discharge should be permitted. Baseline measurements must be taken to monitor any chemical or radioactive changes in the future. Damage is difficult to mitigate and potentially long lasting.

Ben Gaia, Forestry Nursery Manager

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

To decline all permits re Mananui, and make radioactive mining a forbidden activity due to the risk to the life carrying capacity of land and waters. To impose stringent monitoring on any future discharges to water from such mineral sand mining.

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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