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We can receive emails and the above email is correct.

We own some of the land that is included in the fast-track application by Tāiko Critical Minerals Limited (Tāiko) for the Barrytown Minerals Project; [REDACTED]
We also own the land in Barrytown that Tāiko have been granted a resource consent to mine. Therefore, we support this project.

Historically we have been approached by many mining companies wanting to mine our land primarily for Ilmenite. Tāiko is the first company to provide a professional, substantiated proposal to us that has committed to providing for our expectations and standards of operation. After granting land access to Tāiko they have met our expectations by engaging professional, conscientious contractors that have been excellent to work with. This is extremely important as the land in question is a working dry stock farm. All contractors and staff of Tāiko have followed our health and safety procedures and all communication requirements to keep both people and our stock safe, and day to day tasks uninterrupted.

The main reason we wanted to participate in the Barrytown Minerals Project is because the project was expected to create approximately 50 jobs. My family has seen the West Coast struggling to get ahead for generations. So, 50 jobs is a lot; Tāiko is now expecting more like 120 jobs, which is brilliant news for our local and regional communities.

The West Coast population has barely changed in the last 50 years. In 1971 the population was 33,294. In 2023 the population was 33,390. Because the West Coast population is not growing, we don't get the social care, such as hospitals, schools, shops and professionals that other areas are getting. The injection of 120 jobs into the Grey District economy will have an enormous positive flow on affect.

The Barrytown Minerals Project will have a secondary processing mineral separation plant adding value to the product and creating more jobs rather than shipping bulk products off of the West Coast from the mine site. To keep the processing of a product on the West Coast is a much-needed step and often not done locally. In turn, this will improve our economy.

Another important reason that we granted Tāiko land access is that the mining process and resulting rehabilitation will improve the soil profile of our farm. We currently have very waterlogged soils that limit productivity. This is due to heavy clay soils and our

high rainfall of about 2500mm per year. Rain is recorded at Barrytown 220 days a year. The West Coast soils, on average, are saturated for 120 days a year. We have worked collaboratively with Tāiko and their consultants to construct a rehabilitation program. We have paddocks on another part of our farm that are being used as an example of how Tāiko is to leave the soils, due to its desired farming qualities.

Tāiko will bring the sand up to the surface which will make the soil profile more free draining, which is important for farming on the West Coast. This will result in more grass grown, because grass roots need oxygen around them. In other words, grass grows better at 50% moisture content not 100% (100% is saturation).

With freer draining soils, it is possible that we may be able to grow crops other than pasture. This gives us more options and flexibility as markets change.

The Barrytown minerals project is more than just a mine. The flow-on effect will help generations to come economically and socially by providing employment, career opportunities, value-added infrastructure and support for the uniqueness of the flora and fauna in our environment. Wetlands and native plantings will be created which would possibly not have been contemplated let alone achieved due to the cost of doing so. Our Westland Black Petrel (*Procellaria westlandica*) (Tāiko) will have additional support from investment by Tāiko into research and protection efforts. Tāiko will encourage involvement of the students at our local primary school, Barrytown School, in their work with the Westland Black Petrel.

There are many opportunities for the children in our community to learn about so many things that would not be available to them, let alone be on their doorstep. The professionals available for our students to interact with will cover geology, ecology, hydrology, ornithology, engineering, landscape architecture, planning and management to name a few. All of which, we as landowners have had the pleasure to be involved with and have learnt from since engaging with this project.

Yours sincerely

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