

## Your comment on the Barrytown Minerals Project

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| 1. Contact Details                                                                                         |           |            |  |
| Please ensure that you have authority to comment on the application on behalf of those named on this form. |           |            |  |
| Organisation name (if relevant)                                                                            |           |            |  |
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| 2. We will email you draft conditions of consent for your comment |                                                      |                          |                                                          |
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**Please provide your comments below, include additional pages as needed.**

### **Summary Submission Opposing Fast-Track Consent: Barrytown Minerals Project**

I oppose the Barrytown Minerals Project on the grounds that the proposal is fundamentally incompatible with the environmental, economic, cultural, and landscape values of the Barrytown–Punakaiki area. Our nearby property received no formal invitation to submit, despite being listed for notification and a requirement under the Fast Track system. This failure to engage affected parties reflects poorly on the applicant's consultation process.

## 1. Inappropriate Location

The mine is proposed immediately beside:

- **Paparoa National Park**
- **State Highway 6**, one of the world's top-rated scenic coastal drives
- A highly visible section of the *Untamed Natural Wilderness* brand landscape

This is not a remote industrial zone. It is one of New Zealand's most iconic tourism corridors. An open-cast mine here would cause irreversible brand damage and undermine decades of regional tourism investment.

## 2. Landscape & Visual Effects

Our property's 180-degree coastal outlook would be replaced by a view directly over an open-cast mine for **9–14 years**. The Glasson Huxtable report's claim of "less than minor" effects on nearby residents is untenable. The visual impact is major, prolonged, and incompatible with residential and tourism values. We would not want to stay here ourselves and it would make it unrentable and unsaleable.

This is the view you will be destroying at 2626 Coast Rd, you are proposing that we instead overlook and listen to a mine:



### 3. Noise Effects

The Marshall Day report focuses on decibel limits rather than the *character* of mining noise. Continuous mechanical noise from excavators, trucks, dredges, and long processing hours is not comparable to natural ambient sounds such as surf or birds. Starting heavy truck movements in the very early morning until late evening is unreasonable for residents and visitors. Hearing the surf sound readily means I have no doubt the mining sound will carry, and whilst they may not be over technical limits, will be very unpleasant compared to normal sounds of nature in this location.

### 4. Traffic & Road Safety

The application lacks transparent disclosure of traffic volumes. SH6 is narrow, winding, and includes a particularly difficult single-lane section. Heavy truck-and-trailer units will:

- Increase emissions and noise
- Reduce cycling safety
- Cause congestion on a globally recognised scenic route
- Create centre-line crossing risks on constrained corners

Waka Kotahi has no funded plan for the major upgrades required to safely accommodate mining traffic.

### 5. Economic Assessment

The Sense Partners report overstates mining benefits and understates tourism impacts. Key flaws include:

- No visitor surveys or behavioural evidence that tourism will not be affected by open-cast mining
- Incorrect assumption that tourism losses are acceptable because mining revenue compensates
- Failure to recognise that royalties flow to central government, while tourism revenue stays in the region

A mine directly beside SH6 and Paparoa National Park will deter visitors, damage the *Untamed Natural Wilderness* brand, and harm the wider South Island tourism network.

### 6. Ecological Risks

The site is close to the **only known breeding colony of Tāiko (Westland Petrel)**. The application does not adequately address cumulative risks from noise, light, vehicle movements, and habitat disturbance.

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## **Requested Decision**

### **Decline resource consent.**

This proposal is incompatible with the landscape, ecological values, tourism economy, and national branding of the West Coast. Mining should not be permitted in such a sensitive, visible, and internationally significant location.

**Thank you for your comments**