

Ewan Straight,

Firstly, thank you for the invitation to comment on the Barrytown Minerals Project.

Various things concern me about this project. I am going to spell them out on this document, in no particular order of importance. But please know that they are highly important to me, and my enjoyment of life in Barrytown.

Road Safety

I ride my bicycle every day on the Coast Road to access various destinations. I love riding my bike, and value being able to do this for enjoyment, mental health, and reducing my footprint on the planet. Already, due to some serious close calls with trucks on the road, I time my excursions so I am not on the road around the scheduled milk tanker runs. I'm guessing that the TCM trucks will do their runs at any time throughout the day. If I am to avoid them, I am not going to be able to ride my bike on the road. Riding is a huge part of my life.

Radiation Safety

From what I have observed regarding this, there needs to be an in-depth independent report done on all aspects of any radiation caused by the radon that will be released by the opening up of the mining ground, and the further processing of the ROM. It seems that this has been quite overlooked, but could have quite serious health consequences, for both the community, and the mine workers. We deserve, and need, to know that our concerns with this are being taken seriously.

Community

There are many definitions of Community, but the only one that is applicable to Barrytown is "People living in a specific town or region." All the other definitions are out the window because of this project. This project, and all previous iterations of it through the decades, has managed to seriously divide the Barrytown community into Pro-mine and Anti-mine. Nowhere, that I have previously resided, has the community been so fractured. If this project does go ahead, the least that TCM could do is gift all, or some of the mined land back to the community, for the community to benefit from. There could be walking/biking tracks, sports fields, community run facilities, parks etc. This would foster goodwill, and also go a long way to healing the community, and promoting togetherness.

Sound vs Noise

We shifted to Barrytown to enjoy its quiet and peaceful nature. I go to sleep with the sound of moreporks doing their night call, and the waves breaking on the beach. Then, without fail, I awake to the noise of the 5:30am milk tankers thundering along the Coast Road. One of these puts you in relaxation mode, and one is like a very annoying alarm clock. All the birdsong, the wind blowing through the trees, the waves breaking, are all natural sounds that are relaxing, and

the main reason we shifted here. Then there is the annoying man-made noise of heavy trucks on the road, and large diggers on our boundary, as we will be direct neighbours of the mine. And, truth be told, the noise may possibly drive us away from our supposed forever home in our little slice of paradise and all it's sounds.

Property Values

One of the Pro arguments is that all the property values in the area are going to increase. While that's seems to have been partly true, with the farm land that the mining is slated to take place on, being sold to TCM for a disproportionally high figure. I fail to see how this industrial activity will make other properties increase in value. In fact, I would say any properties, especially direct neighbours of the proposed mine, and properties overlooking it, will find their property value declining considerably. My biggest worry is, that if this proposal gets the go ahead, and our only option is to leave the area, that we, either, can't sell our property, or the price we get for it will mean a considerable downgrade for any future place we decide to live.

Thank you again for allowing the affected people of Barrytown to comment on this proposal. My main hope is that it does not get the go ahead. But if it does, that TCM understands and respects their neighbours, as you, the Fast Track Panel has done.

Regards
Ewan Straight