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| Joint presentation | Yes |
| Trade competition | I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. |
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Submission points

| Plan section | Provision | Support/oppose | Reasons | Decision sought |
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Oppose

This affects lands my family have owned and lived on for over 25 years. I do not wish to see the beautiful community I grew up on to turn into a mining site. The wildlife and the nature there are precious and need to be protected at all costs! This place is a sanctuary for many.

Provision: GRUZ R12

Support/oppose: Oppose

Decision sought: Remove GRUZ R12 and make Mineral extraction a restricted discretionary activity in Rural Zones.

Reasons:

The permitted activity under this rule (mineral extraction of up to 20,000m³ a year per property and 3ha at any one time) provides inadequate control where large-scale sand mining is proposed on several adjacent land parcels as is the case on the Barrytown Flats. Here there are 6 current mining permits issued to local artisanal sand miners totalling 88.4 ha. All of these are coastal and do not immediately affect residents. By contrast, one company, TIGA Minerals and Metals Ltd., has two exploration licenses covering 797ha and a mining licence covering 800ha of the Barrytown Flats. TIGA's permits cover several farms and numerous land parcels. They have a declared aim of mining the whole of the Barrytown Flats (Greymouth Star, 06/09/22).

GRUZ-R12 would permit TIGA to begin large-scale sand mining on several properties on the Barrytown Flats, with cumulative effects on traffic (10 heavy vehicle truck movements per day per property), dust, noise, light pollution, amenity values, wildlife disturbance and potentially other unanticipated effects.

GRUZ-R12 is therefore not fit for purpose and needs to be removed. Mineral extraction should be regarded as a Restricted Discretionary or Discretionary activity (GRUZ - R25) in areas such as the Barrytown Flats with a mix of Rural Lifestyle and General Rural Zones, thereby allowing for appropriate levels of community consultation and adequate oversight of the consenting of mineral extraction operations.

Documents included with submission

None