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Submission points

Plan section	Provision	Support/oppose	Reasons	Decision sought
[General]	[General]	Oppose	<p>I bought my property to live a rural lifestyle.</p> <p>Any attempt to change the RLZ zoning will greatly affect my ability to live undisturbed and peacefully on my land.</p> <p>This proposed change is not supported by the community and is felt to be being pushed through by council in order to facilitate the implementation of a Mineral extraction zone (MINZ) against local feelings and a disregard for our wellbeing.</p> <p>It is felt that by trying to change the zoning of properties from Canoe ck - North is a cynical attempt to divide the community and push through a destructive industry that will affect our chosen lifestyles and value of our properties.</p>	Do not change the zoning of properties on Barrytown flats. RLZ's Rural lifestyle zones
[General]	[General]	Oppose	<p>The large scale mining operation proposed for Barrytown flat is inconsistent with the zoning of properties where people lead a rural and farming lifestyle.</p> <p>This is also inconsistent with the zoning of many areas on Barrytown flats as significant natural areas (SNA's) Part of the justification for the SNAs was that there was continuous and undisturbed forest from the sea to the mountains providing corridors for wildlife. Mining near these areas would make a mockery of council processes and the justification for them.</p> <p>This MINZ re-zoning is being pushed through by council without sufficient public consultation and against the advice of their professional planners.</p> <p>Forcing this mineral extraction on our community is in direct contravention of The West Coasts own economic strategy (Te Whanaketanga 2050).</p> <p>The previous consultation with the community over the proposed mining went through a robust and thorough process and was declined for very good reasons.</p> <p>To now try and push through this mining is a cynical disregard of a robust and fair diplomatic process.</p> <p>The proposal put forward by the company was woeful and clearly had very little understanding or care for this special and fragile environment.</p> <p>Many, many aspects were not even thought of or covered. Heavy traffic on local roads not designed for this volume. Affects from lights and noise on the Westland Petrel colony that is internationally significant. And the only place in the world where they breed. Proximity to special areas and waterbodies such as such as Maher swamp, an under-represented habitat across New Zealand and the West Coast.</p> <p>The issue of radioactive waste and dust pollution.</p> <p>The mining company had said it was only going to mine a small part and therefore only a few residents were affected but have since been applying for further mining licences across a large part of the Barrytown flats. This is dishonesty by omission and shows a callous disrespect for the community that they say "they hope to work with for the betterment of all concerned"</p> <p>The proposed mining area is not far above sea level and they propose to dig to a depth of 15 metres. There is no explanation of how to mitigate the encroachment of sea water and no explanation of where enough fill will come from to reinstate this land.</p> <p>It will remove a significant amount farmland from being productive.</p> <p>The council needs to acknowledge the very real threat of sea level rise and consider this in the mining application.</p> <p>State Highway 6 is considered as one of the most significant and beautiful drives in the world and has been reported in many well respected international magazines. The Punakaiki area and the West Coast are considered one of the most scenic and beautiful areas of NZ. It is a significant drawback for international visitors. The proposed mining of Barrytown flats would be a very bad look and significantly taint the area internationally and the councils reputation locally and nationally and internationally.</p> <p>The Grey district council has encouraged residential development in this area and to now try and push through this mining shows a disregard for the people and the lifestyle they have chosen to live here.</p> <p>Trying to push through this rezoning of lifestyle blocks and making a MINZ goes against all the local communities wishes. It leaves a feeling of being misled and a culture of dishonesty. Look at the poor turn out of voters in the local body elections and you will find that what you are trying to do supports the feeling of distrust many New Zealanders feel towards their councils.</p>	To remove the MINZ mineral extraction zone from the Barrytown flats

Documents included with submission

None