

# Online submission

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<b>Wish to be heard</b>	Yes
<b>Joint presentation</b>	Yes
<b>Trade competition</b>	I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
<b>Directly affected</b>	N/A
<b>Withhold contact details?</b>	No

## Submission points

Plan section	Provision	Support/oppose	Reasons	Decision sought
[General]	[General]	Oppose	<p>My main concerns are for the environment and the many creatures within it.I have at least four threatened and vulnerable species in my creek alone and fear the waterways will be at high risk.The processing will require the contractors to pump huge amounts of water from the streams in the area which will likely destroy an already struggling ecosystem. This ecosystem has already been vastly damaged by farming with the draining of the swamps and alteration of waterways.These are the kidneys of our land,filtering impurities before they reach the sea,and are nearly gone already.Any more,andit's over,not just for the fish but also the forest. This is one of the last stands of kahikatea on the Barrytown flats and deserves protection. Kahikatea are our strongest native and this is their natural environment.They need the water of the swamps to survive.It seems ethically unsound in this regard. Also of course,lifestyle is a big factor.Dust,noise,traffic etc,all a big threat to the peace and quiet of the environment.And possibly a large health risk. How much dust can we inhale before it starts affecting our health?The traffic is a major potential hazard.The road is already unstable with the delamantion already a hgue safety issue for us motorcyclists.This road used to be rated in the top five in the world for motorcyclists. Heavy truck burden makes it even worse than it currently is and with the return of tourists...campervans...trucks.milk tankers...how can this possibly be safe? I run a small tourism business bringing Haka Tours {NZ's no.1 tour company} to the community. They are busy showcasing NZ to the world with a focus on nature and culture. They come to enjoy the beauty of the environment,not to watch its demise.Im quite sure this would drive them away and what a shame that would be,to lose such a valuable income to our area. Also it has been pointed out to me that there is some clause which allows subsequent 3ha mining with no resource consent required.This needs to be removed.All mining should be transparent and discretionary rather than a permitted activity.We wish to be notified of any changes that may affect us directly or the community we live in.I would also like to see the HNC overlay on the map extended to include Barrytown beach.It's a stunning natural area and deserves protection also. I'm not opposed to mining in general but I do feel strongly that this one is inappropriate for this area.It is a well populated community,not an out of the way hillside.I have friends and neighbours already talking of leaving should it go ahead. Very sad to hear,driving people from their homes. I don't know anyone who wants this. Sincerely,Karen Vincent</p>	Stop the proposed sand mining of Barrytown flats.

## Documents included with submission

None