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Subject: Objection to sand mining on Barrytown flats.

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In reference to the proposed mining activity in Barrytown.

I own a property on Warren Rd and just wanted to voice my objections.

My main concerns are for the environment and the many creatures within it. I have at least four threatened species of fish in my creek and fear the waterways will be at high risk. The processing will require the contractors to pump from the streams here and I fear it will destroy them. The council has already allowed so much damage by the farmers here, draining swampland and altering waterways. The kidneys of our land are nearly gone. Any more, and it's over for not just the fish, but also the forest. This is one of the last stands of Kahikatea on the Barrytown flats, and deserves our protection. They are NZ's strongest native and this is their natural environment. They need the water 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 we bought these properties for. The noise of the test drilling was huge, and that was just testing...

I understand the traffic side of things has been okayed. This is shocking to me, as a motorcyclist, I already consider the roads very dangerous with the slips and delamination of the surface. It's already too much to be maintained, how can all the extra heavy traffic be possible? It used to be rated one of the top five roads in the world for motorcyclists and is a major scenic drive for tourists and New Zealanders alike. Camper Vans and high heavy truck traffic... oh Lordy...

I run a small tourism business which I'm quite sure will suffer greatly. Tourists come here to enjoy the beauty of nature, not watch its demise... I bring Haka Tours to the community, (NZ's no.1 tour company). They are busy showcasing NZ to the world with a focus of nature and culture, and I'm quite sure this would drive them away along with many other tour companies. Tourism is just getting back into full swing, it would be such a shame to lose such a valuable income to our area.

Also it has been pointed out to me that there is some sort of clause in place that allows subsequent 3ha mining with no resource consent required. This needs to be removed. All mining activity should be transparent and discretionary, rather than a permitted activity. We wish to be notified of any changes that may affect us, so we can have our say.

I would also like to see the HNC overlay on the map extended to include Barrytown beach. It's a stunning area and again, should be protected.

I'm not opposed to mining in general but I do feel strongly that this particular 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 if it goes ahead. Very sad to hear. Driving people from their homes.

I don't know anyone that wants this.

Sincerely, Karen Vincent.