Memorandum



Date: 29 November 2024

Re: Mineral Extraction Zone 9: Ianthe Forest

1.0 Notified MINZ

A map of the notified Mineral Extraction Zone (**MINZ**) at lanthe Forest is included in **Figure 1** below and attached in **Appendix 1**.



Figure 1: Notified MINZ at lanthe Forest.

2.0 Submissions

2.1 Amend:

Ellis Mining Ltd (S146.001) seeks that the extent of the 'lanthe Forest mineral extraction area' (Westland Mapbook Grid Reference, sheet 80) be increased to include the entirety of mining permit 54079. This is opposed by Forest & Bird (FS34.019).

BRM Developments Limited (S603.071) seeks to amend the lanthe MINZ to include areas identified in Attachment A of their submission (see **Figure 2** below). The submitter has an existing Mining Permit 52010 (recently been extended until 2030) and are waiting extension decision for Mining Permit 54079. The submission states that there are additional areas in proximity to the lanthe MINZ

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which have Minerals Permits granted for mineral extraction which the submitter considers should be included in the MINZ.

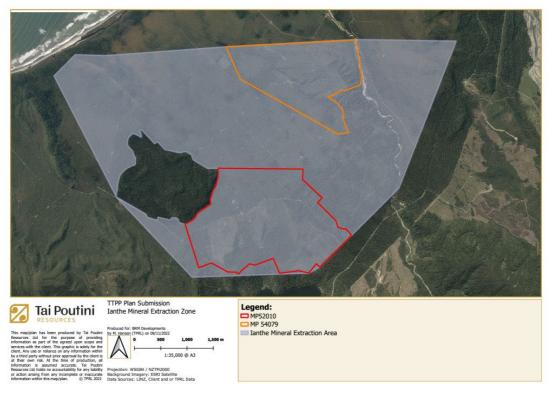


Figure 2: Submission S603.070 extract from Attachment A.

3.0 Evidence

No evidence was received regarding the notified MINZ at lanthe Forest.

4.0 Assessment of Information Provided by Council

Information has been provided by the West Coast Regional Council. The following resource consents were identified as relative to the notified MINZ at Ianthe Forest (**Figure 1** above).

4.1 West Coast Regional Council

4.1.1 RC110105 - Lapsed

This resource consent granted the right to use land, described as Lot 1 DP 2898, for the purpose of conducting mining under Mineral Permit (**MP**) 52010. The aerial photograph of the Site Map which outlines the subject site under RC110105 was provided (**Appendix 2**). This resource consent commenced on 24 April 2012 and had a term of 10 years. As such, this resource consent lapsed in April 2022 and no longer provides for the existence of an authorised mining activity within the site identified.



4.1.2 RC-2021-0161

This resource consent grants two Land Use consents, Water take and two Discharge Permits relating to alluvial gold mining within MP 52010 at lanthe Forest. Condition 10 of the resource consent specifies that the Consent Holder shall only carry out the alluvial gold mining activities within the area shown in a redline and labelled "MP 52010" on the attached aerial plan titled "Resource Consent Area RC 112221 and RC 110105 Renewal" (**Appendix 3**). This resource consent commenced on 18 March 2024 and has a duration of 10 years or upon the expiry or surrender of MP 52010. A search on the New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals GIS database for Mineral Permits shows that MP 52010 is currently active as a mining permit with an expiry date of 16 March 2030¹. See **Figure 3** below for an approximation of the subject site (outlined in yellow) in relation to the notified MINZ at lanthe Forest.

4.2 Summary

It is noted that Schedule 9 of the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan, which identified lawfully established mineral extraction and processing areas by listing the authorisation mechanism that permitted the activity, identified RC110105 as the only authorisation mechanism in relation to lanthe Forest. This has been discussed above and is determined to have lapsed.

Based on an assessment of the available information, RC-2021-0161 identifies that an area within the notified MINZ at lanthe Forest has authorisation to operate a mining activity (**Figure 3** below). A full copy of the map depicting the sites with authorisation to operate a mining activity in relation to MINZ at lanthe Forest is provided at **Appendix 4**.

¹ Information sourced from New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals – Mineral Permit Webmaps which provides online maps using real-time data to show all current minerals permits and applications in New Zealand. Updated through their permit register system and GIS database. Last updated: 3 April 2024

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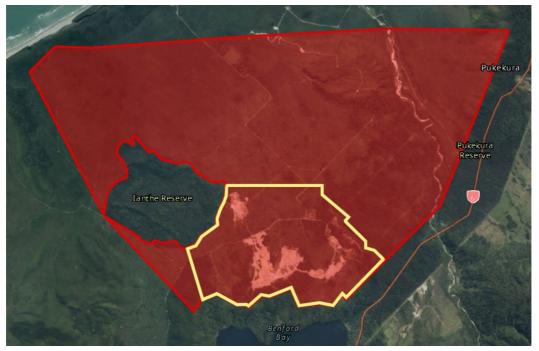


Figure 3: Map of Authorised Mining Activities in Relation to notified MINZ. The full map is at Appendix 4.

5.0 Recommendation

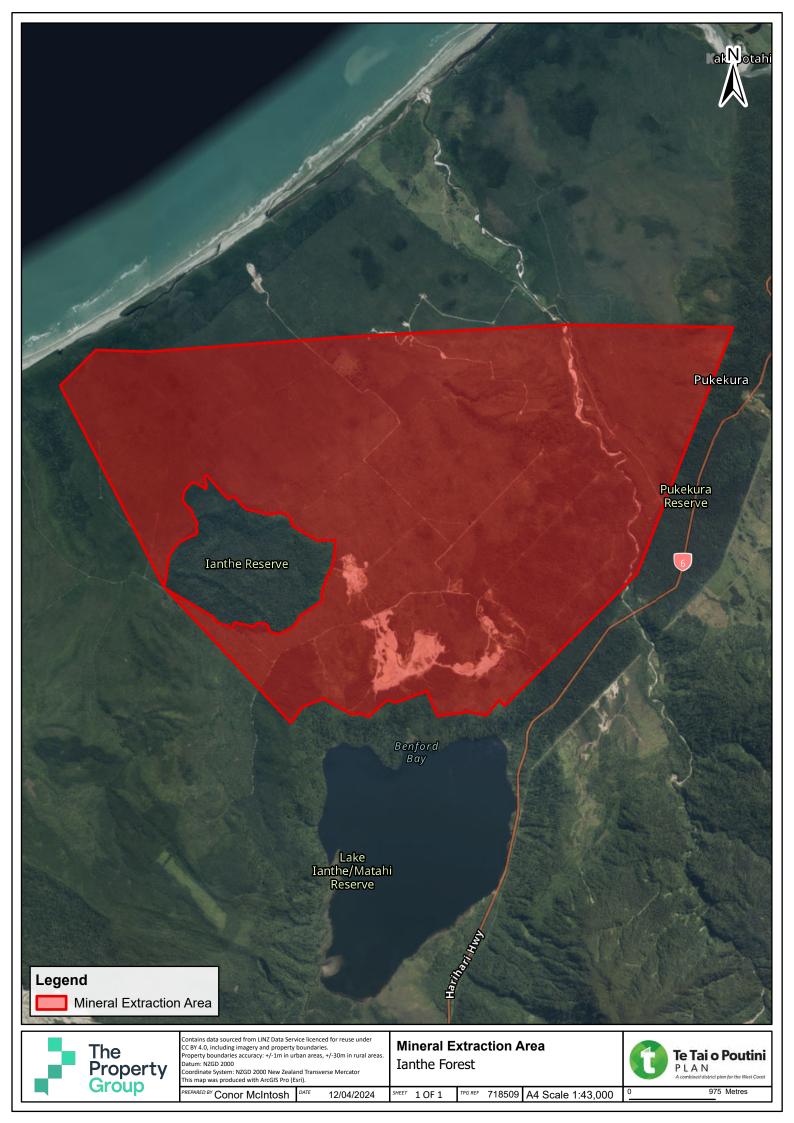
The information provided by RC-2021-0161 identifies that a portion of the notified MINZ at lanthe Forest has authorisation to operate a mining activity.

As we have not received a copy of a current Coal Mining Licence, Ancillary Coal Mining Licence or resource consent to confirm that the remaining land within the notified MINZ at lanthe Forest has authorisation to operate a mining activity, the following recommendation is made.

It is recommended that the notified MINZ at lanthe Forest is <u>reduced</u>, as outlined in Figure 3 above and **Appendix 4**, to only include the areas subject RC-2021-0161.

Notified MINZ Area

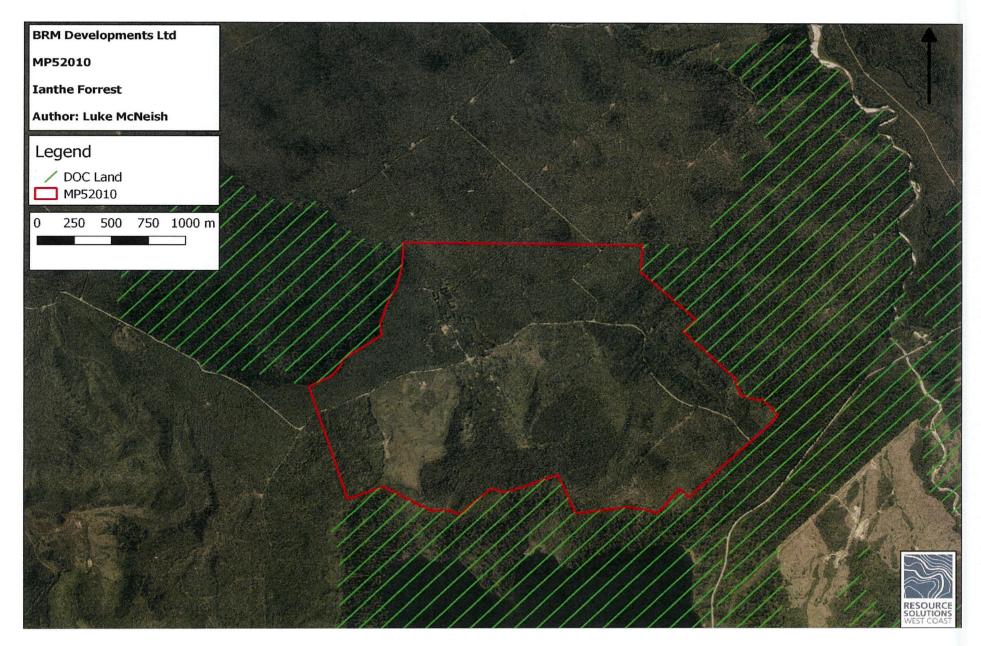




RC110105 Map



Annexure One: Site Map "Map C"



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RC-2021-0161 Map







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Resource Consent Area RC 11221 and RC 110105 Renewal

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Map of Authorised Mining Activities in relation to MINZ



