

Submitter response to Minute 57, pTTPP MINZ topic

My name is Marie Elder. I am submitter S352 and FS77 on the MINZ section of the TTPP and presented to the TTPP MINZ hearing in Greymouth 12 June 2024.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment further.

I continue to oppose the creation of a MINZ on the Barrytown Flats.

The Barrytown MINZ was originally proposed to accommodate the plans of one specific mining company, Barrytown JV Ltd, now TiGa Mining and Minerals, and inserted in the pTTPP in the erroneous expectation of resource consent being granted to Barrytown JV Ltd in 2022. I continue to question the validity of this aspect of TTPP process.

As Barrytown JV Ltd did not have resource consent when the MINZ was proposed, the pTTPP's own criteria for creating a MINZ was not met. The horse was put before the cart then, and its position there now appears consolidated by the 2 December 2024 s42A Author Right of Reply – Mining and Minerals Topic. We now have cumulative error in the pTTPP process.

In addition, the October 2024 granting of resource consent to TiGa, used in the Right of Reply to apparently justify creating a MINZ, actually shows MINZ conditions were and are not necessary for the creation of a mine. A Barrytown MINZ is not justified.

As of late 2024, I understand TiGa did not yet have the financial backing needed to start up. If this mine fails to 'get off the ground', as previous mining attempts near these habitats have failed, or if it goes into administration after a short time as happened with another of Robert Brand's mines,<sup>1</sup> what is the future of this parcel of land?

And what of its future after the mine's maximum 12 years? Restricted land use under the MINZ rules, compared with GRUZ rules, surely undermines aspirations to diversify the region's economy.

Condition 7.8 of TiGa's consent specifies that "*The processing plant on the site may only be used to process materials extracted from the site at Lot 1 DP412689 and Rural Section 2847 on the Barrytown Flats, State Highway 6.*" And Condition 13.3 clarifies it is for the duration of this mine only, ie 4-7 years, or 12 at the outmost, and must then be removed. Therefore, the processing plant cannot be part of any plan for the future mine sites now on the Fast Track Approvals list. I mention this because its presence might otherwise be seen as supportive of a MINZ and further mining on the Barrytown Flats.

I seek that as it is not justified, the Barrytown MINZ should be deleted from the pTTPP.

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<sup>1</sup> The Mt Hart, Australia, garnet mine closed down within two years, with the loss of 50 jobs: [Mt Hart mine shuts](#) after Mr Brand touted it as a significant contributor to the local economy [here](#).