

Re Submission on TTPP MINZ Barrytown

Thank you for the opportunity to further comment on the MINZ as covered in Minute 57.

I continue to oppose the proposed MINZ on the Barrytown Flats, and in general the creation of the MINZ.

I can speak to the impacts of a MINZ on the community as our family land borders 3 parcels of land with a mining resource consent or future aspiration by Tiga Minerals and Metals. We have had to tolerate and engage through years of hearings and mediation with this mining company Tiga.

A change to MINZ helps this mostly foreign owned company immensely at the expense of local community, cutting out their voice.

The voice of neighbours and community offers much to discussions and is helpful for best outcomes for the environment we treasure and for those having to live with the impacts of future mining.

Whilst Tiga may have been granted a resource consent for mining- neighbours still wait for the company to comply with agreed-to noise mitigation measures and environmental protections promised at mediation.

A MINZ will allow companies to be even less accountable to the community they operate in.

So why do TiGa have no social licence to operate (SLTO) from the community? Perhaps its how their attitude to our environment and community has been minimal all around:

Tiga fought to mine 20m from the watersedge, the SNA, even though they know of the critically endangered species and clean waterways they will affect.

The 24/7 mineral extraction plant consent was intentionally applied for as a 'farm shed', presumably so Tiga can put it hard up against neighbours boundaries and the loud noise generated from it would'nt be fully scrutinized by council.

It is clear companies like this need more scrutiny, not less.

For resource consent Tiga did not measure ambience sound levels during the quiet months, of which is the majority. They took them only in the noisiest peak tourism month of the year when traffic levels are higher and loud cicadas are singing. Such manipulation of data to make it look like they can fit in without major effects, when we all know they can't, has been noted by the community and it shows the lengths companies will go to. Such 'fudging the data' by a company creates a compliance headache for community and council to deal with further down the track.

The MINZ will give companies like this even more freedom. Give them an inch these Western Australian miners will take a mile, sadly.

It has already been a David and Goliath battle for this community, which miners won of course because they seem to find the dollars to fund (independent?) experts while the community lacks such equal representation. If the community had also had deep pockets- I doubt the RC would have been granted. This is an inappropriate place for a mine, let alone a MINZ.

Specifically on the Barrytown Flats, it is entirely unnecessary and unjust to change the current longstanding rural zone to a MINZ when mineral extraction could be better managed within the GRUZ.

TiGa have stated that the mining at the proposed MINZ site will be completed within 4 to 7 years. A MINZ would limit what activities can occur on the land, and around it. What if they delay mining or fold?

This seriously restricts the normal options for rural zoned land that are long established, understood and anticipated by the community. Including tourism, accommodation, residential activities as well as horticulture.

MINZ is blatantly biased to the mineral extraction industry. It disregards the rural uses and rural community, there are families living very close to this TIGA site -its just not appropriate to silence their voices.

The MINZ is inappropriate in our Barrytown community.

Regards

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