

To The Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO BE A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS
UNDER SECTION 274 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT
1991**

1. Birchfields Ross Mining Ltd (BRML) wishes to be a party to the appeal by Birchfield Coal Mines Ltd on the proposed Te Tai O Poutini Plan (**Plan**) (ENV-2025-000102) (**Appeal**) pursuant to section 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the **Act**)
2. BRML made submission 604 about the subject matter of the appeal.
3. BRML has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has because it operates existing alluvial gold mining operations within the area that was covered by the Mineral Extraction Zone and holds minerals permits and intends to develop further alluvial gold mining operations within the West Coast region which will be impacted by provisions of the Plan.
4. BRML is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
5. BRML is interested in all of the proceedings.
6. BRML supports the relief sought because –
 - a. It seeks to reinstate the Mineral Extraction Zone as originally notified.
 - b. It recognises the importance of mineral prospecting, exploration and extraction to the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of the people and communities of the West Coast.

- c. The importance of the mining and extractives industry to the wider West Coast and New Zealand warrants the special purpose zones contained in the Te Tai o Poutini Plan.
 - d. It is considered appropriate that there are more permissive rules for Special Purpose Zones or areas that have not or do not meet criteria to be deemed significant or hold significant values.
 - e. It will assist the Councils in carrying out their statutory functions under the Act, gives effect to the higher order documents and meets the requirements of section 32 and 32AA of the Act (in that the relief is a more appropriate method for achieving the Act's purpose and a more efficient and effective means for achieving the objectives).
 - f. It is consistent with the relief sought by BRM within its submission on the Plan.
 - g. It promotes the sustainable management purpose and accords with Part 2 of the Act.
7. BRML agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated: 29 January 2026



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If you have any questions about this notice, contact the Environment Court in Christchurch.