

In the Environment Court of New Zealand
Christchurch Registry

I Mua I Te Kōti Taiao O Aotearoa
Ōtautahi Rohe

ENV-2025-CHC-000103

Under	the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act)
In the matter of	an appeal under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of the Act on a decision on the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan
Between	Birchfield Coal Mines Limited
	Appellant
	Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee
	Respondent

Notice of wish to be party to proceedings pursuant to section 274 of the Act

29 January 2026

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Notice of Tāiko Critical Minerals Limited's wish to be party to proceedings

Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991

To: The Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

- 1 Tāiko Critical Minerals Limited (**Tāiko**), formally TiGa Minerals and Metals Limited, wish to be a party to the appeal by Birchfield Coal Mines Limited on the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (ENV-2025-CHC-000103) (**Appeal**) pursuant to section 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**Act**).
- 2 Tāiko made a submission (S493) and further submission (FS104) about the subject matter of the proceedings.
- 3 Tāiko has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has because the Appeal directly impacts Tāiko's operations.
- 4 Tāiko is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Act.
- 5 Tāiko is interested in all of the proceedings.
- 6 Tāiko supports the relief sought, to the extent that it is not inconsistent with what Tāiko is seeking in its own appeal, and because it –
 - (a) Acknowledges the importance of critical minerals, including those specifically identified in New Zealand's Critical Mineral List, to the future economy – and in particular the diversification of industry, employment and economic growth on the West Coast;
 - (b) Recognises that a consenting pathway for mineral extraction on the West Coast is essential for said diversification and economic growth;
 - (c) Assists the Councils in carrying out their statutory functions under the Act;
 - (d) More appropriately gives effect to the higher order documents;
 - (e) Meets the requirements of section 32 (by ensuring that policies and rules are the most appropriate, efficient and effective means of achieving objectives); and
 - (f) Promotes the sustainable management purpose, and accords with Part 2, of the Act.

7 Tāiko agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated 29 January 2026



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