

In the Environment Court of New Zealand
Christchurch Registry

I Mua I Te Kōti Taiao O Aotearoa
Ōtautahi Rohe

ENV-2025-CHC-000125

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	Buller Conservation Group
	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 Buller Conservation Group on the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (ENV-2025-CHC-000125) (**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 part of the proceedings.
- 6 Tāiko is interested in the following particular issues:
 - (a) the definition of *Riparian Margin*;
 - (b) relief related to the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter;
 - (c) Natural Character and the Margins of Waterbodies Rule 1 (NC-R1);
 - (d) Coastal Environment rules relating to Buildings and Structures (CE-R4, CE-R5);
 - (e) Light Rules 3 and 5 (LIGHT-R3 and LIGHT-R5);
 - (f) relief related to mineral prospecting, exploration, extraction and ancillary activities in the General Rural Zone and Mineral Extraction Zone.
- 7 Tāiko oppose the relief sought above, to the extent it is inconsistent with what Tāiko seek in its appeal, including because it—
 - (a) fails to acknowledge 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) fails to provide a consenting pathway for mineral extraction on the West Coast;
- (c) does not assist the councils in carrying out their statutory functions under the Act;
- (d) does not give effects to the higher order documents;
- (e) fails to meet the requirements of section 32 of the Act (in that the amendments sought are not the most appropriate, efficient and effective means of achieving objectives); and
- (f) does not promote the sustainable management purpose, or accord with Part 2, of the Act.

8 Tāiko agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated 29 January 2026



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