

Submission on Notified 05 Resource Consent PL260325635



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Notified Submission

SUBMISSION ON NOTIFIED APPLICATION CONCERNING RESOURCE CONSENT

(Form 13)

Section 95A (public) Resource Management Act 1991

To: The Chief Executive
Central Otago District Council
PO Box 122
Alexandra 9340

This is a submission on the following resource consent application:

Resource Consent Number	RC250077
Valuation Number	2842107654
Applicant	Awa Koura Mining Limited
Location of Site	Luggate-Cromwell Road (SH 6), Cromwell
Brief Description of Application	Land use consent to extract alluvial gold in the rural resource area
Submissions Close	4:00pm on Thursday 19th March 2026

Writing a submission

The following will be required during this process:

- Your full name and address, telephone number and email address
- Whether you support or oppose the application for resource consent
- The reason for your submission
- The decision you wish the Council to make, including any conditions sought
- Whether you wish to be heard.

Important information so you don't lose your data

If you wish to take some time completing this form, we strongly recommend that you **create a [login](#) and log in to your account prior to starting to complete the form**. This gives you the ability to save a draft and return to it later.

If you are a club or organisation, please use an email that is associated with the club rather than your work or personal email.

Logging in before starting to enter information into the form also means you won't lose your information if the form times out, or if you accidentally navigate away from the screen you're working on.

You cannot save your information and return to it later unless you log in before you start the form.

Regardless whether you are logged in, once you have completed and submitted the form, you will receive a copy of your submission to the email address you specify in the form.

Either go to our [Online Services](#) page to create an account (or log in if you already have an account) or continue below to start without logging in.

Privacy

The information you provide is official information and is used to help process your application. The information is held and used in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the Privacy Act 2020. This means that your information may be disclosed to other people who request it in accordance with the terms of these Acts. Under the Privacy Act 2020 you have the right to see and correct any personal information that Council may hold about you.

Declaration

By continuing with this application you certify that: The Yes
information you provide is true and correct to the best
of your knowledge.

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Notes to submitter

1. If you are making a submission to the Environmental Protection Authority, you should use [form 16B](#).

The closing date for serving submissions on the consent authority is the 20th working day after the date on

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which public or limited notification is given. If the application is subject to limited notification, the consent authority may adopt an earlier closing date for submissions once the consent authority receives responses from all affected persons.

2. You must serve a copy of your submission on the applicant as soon as is reasonably practicable after you have served your submission on the consent authority.
3. If you are a trade competitor, your right to make a submission may be limited by the trade competition provisions in [Part 11A](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. If you make a request under [section 100A](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991, you must do so in writing no later than 5 working days after the close of submissions and you will be liable to meet the additional costs of the hearings commissioner or commissioners, compared to our hearing panel. Typically these costs range from \$3,000 - \$10,000.
5. Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least 1 of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):
 - it is frivolous or vexatious:
 - it discloses no reasonable or relevant case:
 - it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further:
 - it contains offensive language:

It is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

In lodging this submission, your submission, including contact details, become public information and will be available for anyone to view.

DETAILS OF SUBMITTER

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Your Application

Please select one regarding the application	I oppose
Do you wish to be heard in support of this submission?	Yes - I wish to be heard
Are you a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991?	I am not
I would consider presenting a joint case if others make a similar submission	Yes

Details of submission

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are:	The entire application for land-based alluvial gold mining and associated activities on the property at Luggate-Cromwell Road (SH 6), Sandy Point, Queensberry,
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The submission - include:

- **whether you support or oppose the specific parts of the application or wish to have them amended; and**
- **the reasons for your views.**

including excavation, processing plant, water take from groundwater/Clutha River system, earthworks, vehicle movements, and rehabilitation. I oppose the whole application.

Reasons for Opposition

History of Previous Application and Community Opposition

The applicants, Peter Hall and Daniel Walker, are the same individuals who, through Cold Gold Clutha Ltd, applied in 2023 to relocate a gold dredge to the Upper Clutha River near Luggate. That application was declined by the relevant councils following public hearings, where significant community opposition was expressed. I personally submitted in opposition to that proposal. The community clearly rejected the introduction of industrial-scale mining activities in this environmentally sensitive area.

Concerns Arising from Prior Employment and Observed Non-Compliance

As a former employee of the company (serving as a Dredge Operator/Engineer), I directly witnessed serious environmental violations during my period of employment. Following the decline of the 2023 application, I continued to observe further illegal activities by the company, some of which remain ongoing. These incidents demonstrate a persistent pattern of non-compliance with environmental laws and regulations.

Specific Illegal Activities Observed and Reported

Illegal mining of the river bank: Hundreds of metres of river bank were removed without authorisation. The company received a formal warning from the Otago Regional Council (ORC) under claim number 60593. Subsequently, I observed similar unauthorised excavation occurring again approximately 2 km upstream from the original site (under the same claim number). I possess photographs documenting the original incident from last year, as well as more recent images showing ongoing and significant degradation of the river bank. I reported these matters to Chris McSweeney, Chief Compliance Officer at ORC, with whom I had previously corresponded regarding the initial illegal river bank mining.

Illegal use of reserves for access to gold claims: The company accessed gold claims via reserves, including the Mata Au Scientific Reserve off Tarris Road, without obtaining the required resource consent or Department of Conservation (DOC) concessions. I reported this to both ORC and DOC, supported by photographic evidence. An Official Information Act request I made confirmed that no DOC concessions existed for using the reserve to access gold claims. At one stage, two dredge operators

were observed illegally using the Mata Au Reserve to access their dredges. I understand that DOC undertook an investigation into this matter.

Pattern of Non-Compliance and Lack of Trustworthiness
These repeated breaches illustrate a clear and ongoing pattern of disregard for regulatory requirements. The applicants have demonstrated that they are unable to operate even a small-scale or hobby-level mining claim without contravening environmental laws. Granting further resource consents to individuals and entities with such a history would be inappropriate and contrary to the protection of the Upper Clutha area's sensitive environment and community values.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I strongly oppose the granting of this application. The applicants should not be permitted to pursue mining operations in this area, whether directly in the river or on adjacent land, given their established track record of non-compliance.

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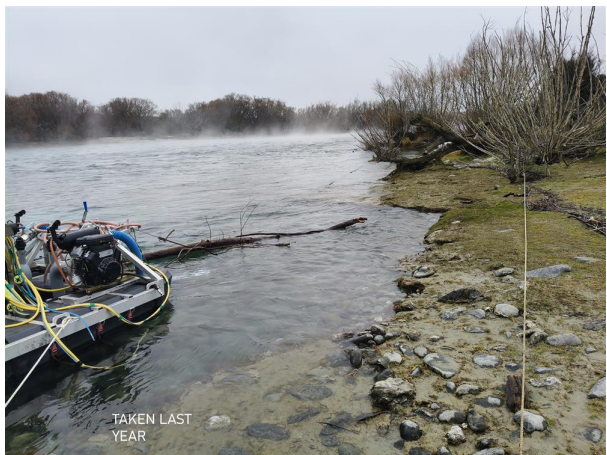
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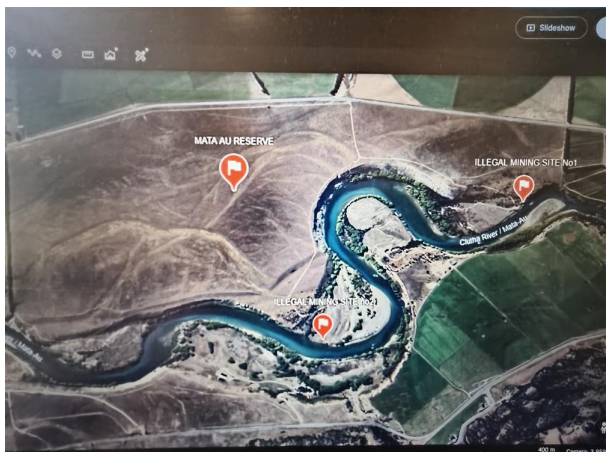
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I seek the following decision from the consent authority.

Give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought

Decline the resource consent application in its entirety.
No conditions would make this proposal acceptable due to the applicant's demonstrated history of non-compliance and environmental violations.

Select below - Pursuant to [section 100A](#) of the Act, that you delegate your functions, powers, and duties to hear and decide the application to 1 or more hearings commissioners who are not members of the local authority. "See note 4 (second tab) as you may incur costs relating to this request."

Any other comments?

In lodging this submission, I understand that my submission, including contact details, are considered public information, and will be made available and published as part of this process.

Yes

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Date signed:

11/03/2026