

SUBMISSION ON NOTIFIED APPLICATION CONCERNING RESOURCE CONSENT

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(Form 13)

Section 95A Resource Management Act 1991

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This is a submission on the following resource consent application: RC No: **250077**

Applicant: **Awa Koura Mining Limited** Valuation No: **2842107654**

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 19 March 2026**

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are:
(give details, attach on separate page if necessary)

This submission is: *(attach on separate page if necessary)*

Include:

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

We are owners of the residence at 79 River Ridge Road, directly across the river from the proposed mine.

1, We are concerned about the potential for wind carried dust to our own and all neighbouring properties. Wind is very high and almost constant in the summer months from the north of the river valley. All residential properties in this area might be adversely affected. We are very exposed to any dust that comes from that direction should the mine be upwind. We note that this is said to be ameliorated in the application documents but the documents filed show the council and the residents no details as to exactly how this will be accomplished.

2. We are concerned adverse affect on the environment due to noise. WE understand that the mining itself will be carried out inside a pit below the surrounding ground level. But has to be excavated by large excavators and bulldozers etc. The pit has to be extended all the time and backfilled. This means a great deal of ground level noise in land that bears a lot of rock.

Whilst there is a report from Marshalls as to sound, the raw data for this is not shown.

Averages only are given. They can be very misleading. We submit that the council and residents should be entitled to all of the data before a decision is made.

We also note that some noise experiments were carried out over two days in November. The council and residents have not been given any information as to the nature of these experiments, or the data from them (again except as averages). This is something that needs to be examined properly. We also note that the monitoring of these experiments were conducted by trespassing on our land without notice.

None of the conclusions in the noise report can therefore be tested adequately.

3. We are concerned about the proposed ten hour working day. Whilst that is no doubt of financial benefit to the applicant, it seems unnecessarily long for residents to have to put up with.

We are given no indication of what time of day this ten-hour proposed period is to start and stop.

We have seen no indication of the nature of and details of usage of lighting on the site during the dark hours. We are concerned as to the possibility of light pollution to the community generally and of the adverse effects on residents such as us.

/We seek the following decision from the consent authority:

(give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought)

To adjourn the hearing and decision until the following matters have been addressed and sufficient time has then expired for the council and residents to analyse the information to be given, including engaging their own experts, and make further submissions if required:

- i the applicant to supply the council and residents ALL raw data in respect of noise levels to be given to the council and the residents rather than conclusions alone
- ii the applicant to provide to the council and the residents all descriptions of methodology of the experiments apparently carried out in November, rather than conclusions alone
- iii the applicant is to provide the council and residents models and noise levels of the ACTUAL machinery that will be used onsite and what time periods and when each set of equipment will be used. If the applicant does not have that information then the experiments carried out in November cannot be valid for noise modelling.
- iv The applicant is to give the council and residents the detail of the underlying assumptions made by the applicants noise experts in all modelling
- v Require the applicant to specify in detail the actual steps to be taken to ameliorate windborne dust production
- vi Require the applicant to detail all proposed lighting on the site during the dark hours, and what is to be done to ameliorate its affect on the community at large and the residents in the area. Alternatively to undertake not to operate the mine at all in the hours of darkness.
- vii Require the applicant to justify why more than eight hours per working day is not sufficient given the adverse affects to residents
- viii Require the applicant to detail what times of day the work is propose to be carried out
- ix Require the applicant to monitor noise production at all residential sites affected throughout the mining to completion
- x Require the applicant to undertake to start and finish the entire operation within the period of three years or less and not to apply for any extension for any reason whatsoever, given that the mining licence appears to be for a much longer period)

If the applicant is unwilling or unable to provide all of this information then it must be assumed that the applicant EITHER has a bad faith reason for withholding it OR has not carried out the necessary planning and/or testing that should be expected in an operation of this sort before an application is made.

In either case if the applicant is not made to provide any of the information above or fails to provide it whether required to by the council or not, we are opposed to the entire application

on the grounds that it is incomplete and insufficient to address the matterst he council must be concerned with.

We /**oppose** the application **to the extent above**

We **wish** to be heard in support of this submission

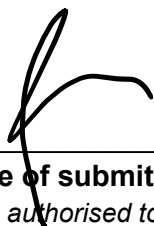
We **not** a trade competitor for the purposes of [section 308B](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991

We **are** directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:

(a) adversely affects the environment

We will consider presenting a joint case if others make a similar submission.

We **do not request (circle one)**, 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 below as you may incur costs relating to this request.**



Signature of submitter
(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

Date 12 March 2026

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.

Notes to submitter

1. If you are making a submission to the Environmental Protection Authority, you should use [form 16B](#).
2. The closing date for serving submissions on the consent authority is the 20th working day after the date on 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.
3. 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.

4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.