

Submission on Notified Resource Consent PL260341171



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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](#).

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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.

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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?	No - I do not want 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	No

Details of submission

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are: The whole submission

The submission - include: Submission attached below

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

[RC250077 submission - Ngaio Hart 20260318.pdf](#) (2 mb)

I seek the following decision from the consent authority.

Give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought To decline the application in its entirety.

Select below - Pursuant to [section 100A](#) of the Act, that I do not request 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

Please sign (click on the words CAPTURE)



Date signed:

18/03/2026

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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**

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(give details, attach on separate page if necessary)

The entire submission.

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.

I oppose the application - see attached specifics & reasons.

I/We seek the following decision from the consent authority:
(give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought)

That the application to mine alongside the Clutha River / Mata-Au be declined in its entirety.

I/We support / ~~oppose~~ neither support or oppose the application (circle one)

I/We wish / ~~do not wish~~ to be heard in support of this submission (circle one)

I/We am / ~~am not~~* a trade competitor for the purposes of [section 308B](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (circle one)

~~*I/We am / am not (circle one) directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:~~

- ~~(a) adversely affects the environment; and~~
~~(b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.~~

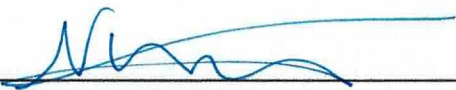
~~*Delete this paragraph if you are not a trade competitor.~~

~~*I/We will consider presenting a joint case if others make a similar submission.~~

~~*Delete this paragraph if not applicable.~~

I/We **request* / 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)

18 / 03 / 2026

Date

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Submission on Application RC No 250077

Ngaio Hart

(attachment to submission)

As a local kayaker I oppose the application to mine the land alongside the Upper Clutha river/Mata-Au because of 1) potential impacts on the health of the river and riverbanks, and 2) potential negative impacts on the recreational experience of river users by introducing industrial mining activities into a beautiful river corridor, destroying the sense of serenity and beauty of this stretch of river.

My concerns regarding the health of the river and surrounds include:

Dust from disturbed earth is likely to blow across the river despite attempts to wet it down to suppress it. Winds in this area can be strong, and it is not uncommon to see the effects when a farmer plows his land and soil is blown across the basin. On such high wind days, I don't believe they will damp the freshly turned earth enough to contain both loss of soils and dust storms, affecting the river and adjacent properties.

Water quality & contamination – the Upper Clutha is well known for its crystal clear blue green waters. It really is beautiful. If you go up to the Sandy Point outlook you can see right down to the bottom of the river. It is very concerning to have mining operations proposed so close to the river. How much is known about what connection there is between the underground water aquifers on the banks and those under the river? It is hard to imagine they are not connected in some way. Having diesel machinery sitting below river level in water does not sound like a very clean activity. Do we really understand the potential impacts on the groundwater below the river? And therefore, potential contamination of the river itself? ANY risk to the clarity of this beautiful river is not worth taking. Especially for short term economic gain. The limited economic benefit of 4x full time roles for 3 years does not justify any risk to the river or ecosystems.

Flooding risks re land stability, erosion risk & contamination – there is an obvious concern as to what would happen if we were to have a monster 1 in 100 year flood event. If water comes over this land and there is any diesel contamination from machinery leaks or worse still if a vehicle was caught by the floodwaters this would be an environmental disaster. What would happen to the destabilized soils in a flood situation? Would it all wash downstream and permanently change the landform? Flood water erosion is aggressive. Lands that have been destabilized would be much more likely to be moved by floodwaters.

My concerns regarding the impact on the recreation experience of river users are:

Noise – the noise of industrial machinery is at odds with this environment and would be an obnoxious intrusion in what is an otherwise peaceful stretch of river.

Visual impact – depending on whereabouts the machinery is there is the potential to see industrial equipment &/or buildings from the river. Industrial mining activities are not what you expect to see when you are out enjoying nature. The Upper Clutha is highly valued for its exceptional natural, recreational & tourism values. Visible mining activities would detract from these values.

Additional noise and visual impacts:

The mining activities would also be clearly visible from the Sandy Point reserve and some neighbouring properties. I feel very sorry for anyone living close by that could see and/or hear the mining activities 10 hours a days/5 days a week. How incredibly aggravating that would be. I wonder if the constant noise would have impacts on mental health. It certainly would be unpleasant.

I oppose the application in its entirety and request the consent authority declines the application.

I believe that allowing this mining activity would be a step backwards for our beautiful district and we should be protecting our rivers including river margins for future generations.