

Submission on Notified Resource Consent PL260341454

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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?	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	Yes

Details of submission

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are:	The location of the proposed mining activity at the end of a public road connected to an access route into Wānaka
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The environmental impact assessment, particularly relating to land disturbance, water quality, and ecosystem health

Air quality and dust management plans associated with mining operations

Traffic management plans, including the projected increase in heavy vehicle movements

Noise, visual, and amenity impacts of the mining operation

The proximity of the development to existing businesses, including a newly established hospitality venue directly across the road

The consistency of the proposal with regional planning objectives and long-term vision for Wānaka

Measures proposed to mitigate adverse effects on the surrounding community and environment

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.**

1. Environmental Risk and Irreversible Impact

The proposed mining activity poses significant risks to the natural environment, including soil degradation, sediment runoff, and potential contamination of waterways. The Wānaka region is ecologically sensitive and valued for its natural landscapes. Any environmental damage could be long-lasting or irreversible, and mitigation measures often fall short of fully restoring affected ecosystems.

2. Dust and Air Quality Concerns

Mining operations and associated vehicle movements will generate dust and fine particulate matter, directly impacting air quality for nearby residents, businesses, and visitors. This raises legitimate public health concerns, particularly in a location that is otherwise known for its clean, fresh environment.

3. Adverse Effects on Amenity and Landscape Values

The proposed site sits along a key entry corridor into Wānaka. The introduction of an industrial mining operation in this location is incompatible with the area's natural beauty and sense of arrival. Noise, visual disruption, and industrial activity will detract from the landscape values that define the region.

4. Negative Impact on Local Businesses

The proximity of the proposed mine to a newly established hospitality venue creates a clear conflict in land use. Businesses that rely on atmosphere, aesthetics, and visitor experience are likely to be adversely affected by dust, noise, and increased traffic. This undermines investment and economic activity aligned with Wānaka's

tourism and lifestyle economy.

5. Increased Traffic and Safety Risks

The development will result in increased heavy vehicle traffic along a main public access road. This raises concerns about road safety, congestion, and infrastructure strain. The cumulative impact of this increased traffic is not appropriate for a key route into a growing town.

6. Inconsistency with Long-Term Regional Vision

Wānaka is widely recognised for its commitment to sustainability, environmental stewardship, and high-quality living. A gold mine at this location does not align with these values and risks undermining the region's long-term vision. Short-term extraction gains should not come at the expense of long-term environmental and community well-being.

7. Impact on Community Wellbeing and Sense of Place

The entrance to a town shapes both the resident and visitor experience. Placing an industrial activity at this threshold alters the character of Wānaka in a way that diminishes its identity. The proposal does not adequately account for these intangible but important social and cultural effects.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I strongly oppose this application. I urge the council to decline consent and prioritise developments that protect the environmental integrity, community wellbeing, and long-term sustainability of Wānaka.

Please upload any documents / photos that are relevant

I seek the following decision from the consent authority.

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

I seek that the consent authority decline the application in its entirety for the proposed gold mining development near Wānaka.

The scale, location, and nature of the proposed activity are fundamentally incompatible with the environmental, social, and economic values of the area. The adverse effects identified—including environmental degradation, reduced air quality, increased traffic, and negative impacts on amenity and local businesses—cannot be adequately avoided, remedied, or mitigated.

In the alternative, if the consent authority is minded to grant consent, I request that it be subject to strict and enforceable conditions, including but not limited to:

Comprehensive Dust and Air Quality Controls:
Implementation of best-practice dust suppression

methods, continuous air quality monitoring, and enforceable limits on particulate emissions, with clear triggers for operational shutdown if thresholds are exceeded.

Environmental Protection Measures:

Robust safeguards to prevent contamination of soil and waterways, including sediment control, water monitoring, and mandatory rehabilitation plans with financial assurances to ensure full site restoration.

Traffic Management Restrictions:

Limits on heavy vehicle movements, designated haulage routes away from key public access points where possible, and restrictions on operating hours to reduce safety risks and disruption.

Noise and Visual Mitigation:

Strict noise limits, restricted hours of operation, and visual screening (e.g. landscaping or barriers) to reduce the impact on surrounding properties and the entrance corridor into Wānaka.

Buffer Zones:

Minimum setback distances between the mining operation and neighbouring properties and businesses, particularly the nearby hospitality venue, to reduce adverse effects.

Independent Monitoring and Compliance:

Ongoing independent environmental and operational monitoring, with results made publicly available, and clear enforcement mechanisms for any breaches.

Time-Limited Consent and Review Conditions:

A limited consent duration with regular review periods to reassess environmental and community impacts, with the ability to revoke consent if adverse effects are greater than anticipated.

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

Please sign (click on the words CAPTURE)



Date signed:

19/03/2026

