

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

DETAILS OF SUBMITTER:

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I **oppose** the entire application for land-based alluvial gold mining and associated activities on the property at LuggateCromwell Road (SH 6), Sandy Point, Queensberry.

I **do** wish to be heard in support of this submission.

I would consider presenting a joint case if others make a similar submission

I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Proposed mining path. View from Sandy Point Lookout

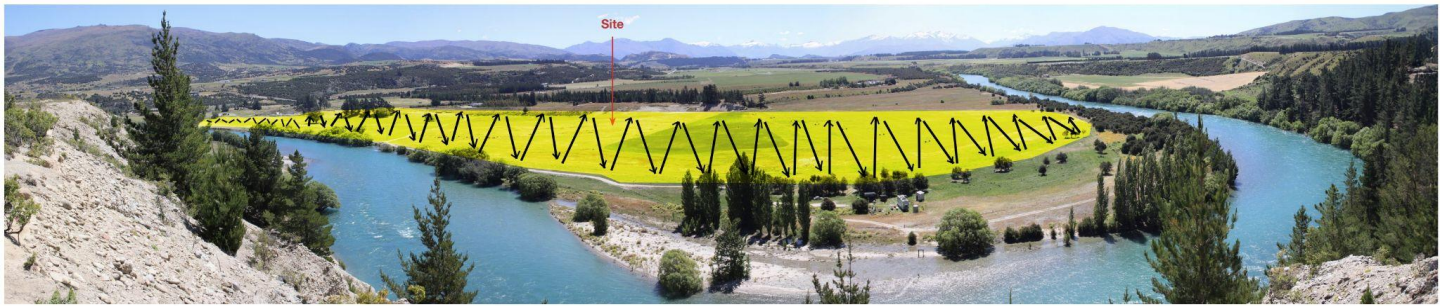


Figure 5: View across the site from Sandy Point Lookout.

Camera: Canon EOS 80D
Image: Stitched photographs – focal length 27mm

Noise effects, Rural amenity, Visual and Landscape character effects

Mr Gaviria's assessment indicates that noise levels experienced by river users would exceed thresholds associated with serious annoyance.

The landscape effects assessment by Mr Mike Moore concludes that the proposal would have up to a moderate–high effect during the life of the mine.

The mine would sit front and foremost, dominating the view from the Sandy Point conservation area lookout. The view from this lookout is stunning.

The transformation from pastoral land to large hills of dirt and gravel, a large earthworked pond containing continuously vibrating and noisy rock-processing machinery, and the ongoing movement of diggers and dump trucks generating dust would result in a clearly non-tranquil mining environment.

This would effectively render the area unsuitable for people wishing to enjoy its current quiet and natural character. Visitors to the Sandy Point lookout, recreational fishers, and people travelling on the river by boat would all be adversely affected.

Encountering a loud, operating mine from such a scenic and publicly accessible lookout in Central Otago's landscape—widely recognised for tourism—would diminish the visitor experience and erode the amenity values that locals currently expect and enjoy.

I have considerable sympathy for any residents who would be required to endure this noise and outlook for 10 hours a day over a three-year period.

Economics

In my view, the proposal offers limited economic benefit to the local community. Four jobs offering around 70,000 per annum for three years is relatively modest in scale. A potential 0.85 million in landowner royalties would accrue to a single local landowner, rather than being shared more broadly. The mine owners, who stand to gain the greatest financial return, do not reside in Central Otago, meaning the district is unlikely to receive the main economic benefits.

Reputation and Environmental care

The owners of Awa Koura Mining also own Cold Gold Clutha Ltd, which operates a large river-mining dredge on the lower Clutha River/Mata-Au near Beaumont. Cold Gold Clutha has secured river-mining permits for the upper Clutha/Mata-Au and, in 2023, applied for resource consent to operate this dredge in the upper section. This application was considered at a combined three-council hearing (ORC RM22.434, QLDC RM220834, CODC RC220255), during which submitters raised a range of environmental and safety concerns reported by former employees, and river users. The consent was ultimately declined.

Cold Gold Clutha has operated smaller dredges in the upper Clutha/Mata-Au for several years, leaving unmistakable evidence of riverbank alteration from their operations—despite such activity being unpermitted. One recent dredging operation has altered part of an attractive river beach, deposited tailings have formed islands in the river and a large pile extending onto the beach, evident bank erosion has rendered the site highly

unnatural. This activity is causing considerable distress and anger among locals who value these river margins in their natural state for fishing and walking, and who also understand and respect the environmental impacts involved.

This does not inspire confidence in a land-based mining operation run by the same parties.

I am concerned about the mine's proximity to the Mata-au, its location within a floodplain, and the associated environmental risks—including dust and potential runoff into the river during wet-weather events.

I request the resource consent application be declined in its entirety.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Fogelberg', with a stylized, flowing script.

Kim Fogelberg

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