

SUBMISSION ON NOTIFIED APPLICATION CONCERNING RESOURCE CONSENT

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(Form 13)

Section 95A (public) Resource Management Act 1991

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DETAILS OF SUBMITTER

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This is a submission on the following resource consent application: RC No: **230325**

Applicant: **Hawkeswood Mining Limited**

Valuation No: 2847310501, 2847319901, 2847319902, 2847320100, 2847320000, 2847319903, 2847319900, 2847319801, 2847319802, 2847319300, 2847319800, 2847320400.

Location of Site: **Rural Resource Area at 1346 – 1536 Teviot Road, Millers Flat, Roxburgh.**

Brief Description of Application: **Land use consent to establish and operate an alluvial gold mining operation.**

Submissions Close 19 February 2024

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

(give details, attach on separate page if necessary) Please refer attached page.

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.

Please refer attached page.

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

That resource consent for the proposed activity
be granted in its entirety.

I support the application

I do not wish to be heard in support of this submission (select one)

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

*I am not (select one) directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:

(a) adversely affects the environment; and

I do not request (select 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

18-02-2024

Date

(to be signed by submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

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](#).

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.

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.

Letter of Support

Submission on Notified Resource Consent Application No. 230325

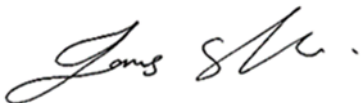
The submitter supports the proposed application in its entirety and supports further applications of this nature within Central Otago.

Considering the recent gold discovery at Bendigo (largest within New Zealand in four decades) both the Regional and District Councils need to recognize that the jurisdiction over which they preside is located within a world class mining district, albeit relatively small on the global stage but still significant in our national context. Smaller scale alluvial gold mining projects like the one proposed at Millers Flat collectively form an important contribution to our local export led economy. The current proposal is no different to any other deep lead goldmining operation previously undertaken in Otago such as Earnscleugh, Glenore and Island Block (within 10 km of the current site), completed successfully without notable environmental incident.

The extractives sector has been stigmatized for too long and its time the mining industry was given a stronger sense of legitimacy, particularly within Otago which draws its lineage from our goldmining heritage. Increasingly large financial capabilities are required to commence even small mines or quarries at the expense of economic development and overall productivity. This serves to widen the gap on financial inequality whereby small operators are suppressed and small-scale projects with good local potential become increasingly unviable. The overall result is poor outcomes for ratepayers and the clear economic benefits which arise from such activities. Investors and enterprise need greater certainty within the consenting regime to generate not only their own business but also prosperity for the region. Expending around \$1.2 million on a resource consent the applicant has not yet secured is an absurd level of expenditure for a project of this scale.

Restrictive legislation and inefficient consenting processes are intrinsically linked to New Zealand's current cost-of-living crisis. To ensure their direct accountability to local ratepayers I specifically request that consent application 230325 be heard by a panel of commissioners who reside within our region.

Best regards,



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