

Resource Consent submission

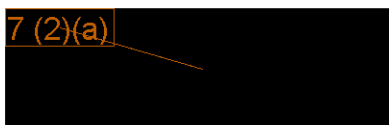
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Applicant details

Name of applicant
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Application number

Waikaka Gold Mines
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APP 202442608

Submission details

My submission relates to the whole application
Details of my submission

Yes
I would like to submit in support of the above resource consent application.

I have worked in the Mining industry most of my working career in New Zealand and in Australia. I currently manage a coal mine in Nightcaps and due to the current transition away from fossil fuel there is no longer a market for coal used for

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food and milk production meaning we have already started to slow down reducing staff and focusing on closure as we enter into our last year of coal.

My wife, 3 children and I all live in Gore, we enjoy living here my kids all enrolled in Maruawai College will likely relocate once my employment ceases to another area where mining is present for future employment opportunities unless a project like Waikaka Gold Mines was to start up in our local area and an opportunity became available.

I not only support this project for employment opportunities but also for the economic benefit to the community. Mines employ people and people pay rent, buy properties, Groceries etc, their money goes back into the community. In my experience in the industry over the past 25 years I have seen businesses develop and flourish through construction and ongoing work associated to mines in small communities like ours.

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No

I am a trade competitor of the applicant (for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991)

No

Outcome sought

I wish Environment Southland to make the following decision

To support the application.

Why I wish Environment Southland to make this decision

I feel that the effect Waikaka gold mines project will have on the area can be controlled.

Mining has such a short life cycle and the standard of rehabilitation completed in this day and age is outstanding and often mining companies walk away leaving better quality land post mining than was there prior.

Hearing details

I wish to be heard in support of my submission

No

I wish to be involved in any pre-hearing meeting that may be held for this application

No

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Confirmation

I will serve a copy of my submission on the applicant and I confirm all of the above information is correct

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