

SUBMISSION ON NOTIFIED APPLICATION CONCERNING RESOURCE CONSENT

(Form 13)

Section 95A (public) Resource Management Act 1991

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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**

Late Submission

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are:
(give details, attach on separate page if necessary)

See top section of page ① attached

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.

See attached pp. ① - ⑥

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

See attached p. ⑤

I support/oppose the application OR neither support or oppose (select one) *but seek conditions should consent be granted.*

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

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

~~I/We~~ am/am not (select 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.~~

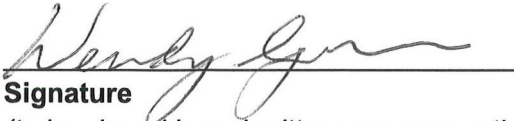
~~*Delete this paragraph if you are not a trade competitor.~~

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

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

I request/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."

already determined CODC will appoint independent commissioners to run the hearing


Signature

5/02/2024
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.

①

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

1. The proximity of the mine to my property and business, and the village of Millers Flat
2. The existing receiving environment
3. Perceived positive effects.

My Submission

1. The proposed mine site is 400m from my boundary and 700m from Millers Flat.

Neither are suitable distances and this close proximity is the underlying main issue to me. Alluvial gold mining, if done at all, should be located in remote areas.

2. The existing receiving environment is quiet and tranquil. Therefore I oppose any actions that will alter this state.

How will we know the noise is complying with the District Plan on any given day at any given time? There are a lot of predicted levels of noise in the Hegley Acoustic Report. These are predicted, not guaranteed.

The applicant has offered to implement continuous dust monitoring. I consider it just as important that continuous noise monitoring is implemented.

(2)

I suggest nearby residents, like myself, be given a special monitoring device each, (other than our own phones) and a process for reporting breaches, if the consent is granted.

The application states no nighttime work is proposed. Is dewatering overnight not considered part of the operation? I consider the pump/s will be intrusive above the existing nighttime sounds of the area because the existing sound is
NOTHING.

Please remember we are the only business in the receiving environment to be affected by the noise. Sheep, cows and crops are unlikely to object.

As a resident for 20 years and an amenity provider for over 10 years I give you further evidence on the next page regarding the receiving environment.

Further evidence⁽³⁾ regarding the receiving environment

Cally and I own and operate The Quince Boutique B&B - 400m from the mine site. We are a sustainable, low intensity 5 star accommodation business. I encourage you to google Tripadvisor The Quince Boutique B&B Millers Flat. There are 75 reviews. 74 rate us excellent.

The following are extracts from 10 of these reviews and are examples to back claims of tranquility in the receiving environment.

- a) Very quiet
- b) The grounds are just sooo peaceful
- c) It is an idyllic peaceful setting
- d) It is a quiet location
- e) An unexpected haven
- f) A tranquil and very upmarket oasis
- g) Beautiful and peaceful grounds
- h) Peaceful surroundings
- i) A wonderful night's sleep
- and ironically -
- j) We found gold at The Quince Cottage.

3. In April 2019 ^(A) Waikāia Gold ended their 5½ year gold mining project. (the dredge has since been acquired by Hawkeswood). This dredge is already in situ.

A quote from Waikāia Community Development Area Chairman

"It didn't bring the families and the kids for the school like we hoped."

This, coupled with the fact most of the employees will come from outside Miller's Flat, means there will be little social benefit to Miller's Flat which is the most effected locality.

(5)

Firstly I seek the decision that this application is denied.

However if this application is consented these are the conditions sought:

- a) continuous monitoring of noise levels - day and night
- b) I wish to be provided with a reputable noise measuring device.
- c) I wish to be given a clear process for reporting noise breaches, and an awareness of the consequences for the mine should a noise breach occur.
- d) Compensation payable to The Quince for degradation of business, loss of livelihood, and our inability to futureproof it.

(6)

at the hearing I will be

- a) alerting the commissioner to some goings on in Miller's Flat pre closing dates for submissions
- b) discussing the alignment (or not) of the Tourism Central's Tourism Sustainability Commitment, to this application.
- c) compensation claimed.