

## Resource Consent Applications by Westland Mineral Sands Co. Ltd

### HEARING NOTICE

#### Hearing Details

1. The West Coast Regional Council ("the Regional Council") and the Westland District Council ("the District Council") have appointed a Joint Hearing Committee to hear and decide all applications made by Westland Mineral Sands Co. Ltd ("the Applicant") for mineral sands mining activities at Mananui, Ruatapu. The Regional Council is the lead authority and so will be responsible for administering the hearing.
2. The Hearing Commissioners are:  
John Maassen (Chairperson)  
Tim Vial  
Mark Geddes
3. The hearing will be held in Hokitika starting at **10am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025** at the **RSA** (22 Sewell Street, Hokitika). The hearing will close at 3pm on Fridays due to the requirements of the venue. At all other times we will aim to be finished by 5pm. Times may vary depending on questioning by the panel and availability of those wishing to be heard.
4. The hearing is scheduled for approximately two weeks commencing with the Applicant on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 (Monday is Kings Birthday holiday). The Hearing Commissioners will undertake a site visit either before or after the hearing.
5. All information, evidence and reports about this application will be published on the Regional Council's website devoted to the Westland Mineral Sands application. Participants should keep themselves informed by checking the website.
6. All parties are requested to contact Tin Nguyen, Hearing Administrator no later than **Monday 19 May 2025** to advise how much time they consider they will need to present their evidence and confirm a suitable date and time. If you could also advise if you would like to use PowerPoint or other software as well so we can ensure we have the facilities available. If you could also advise Tin if you wish to present in Te Reo so we can arrange an interpreter if necessary. Tin can be reached on: 03 768 0466 ext. 9145 or e-mail [tin.nguyen@wrc.govt.nz](mailto:tin.nguyen@wrc.govt.nz).
7. If your only option is to present your evidence via video link, a link will be sent to you prior to the hearing. Please advise Tin Nguyen when advising him of your preferred hearing time and date if you wish to present via video link.

8. A provisional timetable will then be uploaded onto the Regional Council website which will be updated periodically. However, please be aware that due to the number of participants, timing of evidence may need to be changed at short notice so please check the hearing timetable regularly.
9. If any submitters intend forming a group and have a representative present evidence, please advise Tin Nguyen as soon as possible on the members of your group, the contact person for the group and who will be presenting evidence for the group. This will assist with timetabling for the hearing.
10. If you no longer wish to be heard, please contact Tin Nguyen as soon as possible.

## **Circulation of Evidence**

11. The Councils' Planning Officers are currently preparing s42A officer reports for the hearing. These reports will be circulated to submitters who indicated they wished to be heard by **Monday 12 May 2025**.
12. If, when you wrote your submission, you indicated that you did not want to speak at the hearing, we will not automatically send you a copy of the report, which is normal practice. However, the report will be available on the Regional Council website or you can contact the Regional Council to request a copy.
13. The Applicant's expert's briefs of evidence must be filed with the Regional Council 10 working days before the hearing.
14. Any submitter calling expert evidence must file with the Regional Council the expert's brief of evidence 5 working days before the hearing.
15. Please bring at least eight copies of other written material not pre-circulated with you.

## **Order of Proceedings at the Hearing**

16. The programme for the hearing will be as follows:
  - Introductions, housekeeping and procedural issues (if any);
  - The Applicant presents the application;
  - Submitters who have indicated they wish to be heard (and their witnesses);
  - Council officer(s) present their report and respond to any new information;
  - Applicant's right of reply.

Any questions regarding this memorandum please direct these to Rachel Clark, on the contacts set out above.

Yours faithfully,



Rachel Clark  
Principal Consents Officer  
West Coast Regional Council