

Barrytown Flats screening bunds plans



Simulation of 4 years growth.

The company behind a mineral sands mine on the Barrytown Flats has released computer-generated images showing how the site will be screened from the road. The West Coast Regional Council is expected to put the Tiga Minerals application out for public submissions. The mine is opposed by the newly formed Barrytown Resilience Group, which has a strong following from the Coast Road community. Tiga says before mining starts, it will build screening bunds on the eastern boundary of the block adjacent to State Highway 6. This will not just hide the mining site, but reduce noise. Plans include:

- A 1.8m high, 13m wide permanent bund with planting parallel to the highway for visual screening.
- Using a 4.5m high temporary stockpile bund plus a small extension of it, to wrap around the northerneastern side of the processing plant area. In this particular location, the bund will be planted.
- A 6m-wide planting strip adjacent to the coastal lagoon edge.
- A 10m wide band of planting along the open coastline in the south-west corner.
- A 3m-wide strip of planting with fencing along the edge of Collins Creek from the eastern edge of the application site until parallel with the western-most edge of mining panel.
- A planted strip along the northeastern boundary of the site and adjacent to neighbouring properties at 3323 Coast Road for visual screening.

The company has previously said it will mine in strips and rehabilitate the site in stages, rather than mining the entire area at once.