

Submission Form 16 to the Otago Regional Council on consent applications

This is a Submission on (a) limited notified/publicly notified resource consent application/s pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991.

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(please print clearly)

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I/ we wish to **SUPPORT** / **OPPOSE** / submit a **NEUTRAL** submission on (circle one) the application of:

Applicant's Name: _____
And/or Organisation: Cold Gold Clutha Limited
Application Number: **RM22.434**
Location: Clutha River between Luggate and top of Lake Dunstan
Purpose: Suction Dredge gold mining.

The specific parts of the application/s that my submission relates to are: *(Give details)*

The entire application.

My/Our submission is *(include: whether you support or oppose the application or specific parts of it, whether you are neutral regarding the application or specific parts of it and the reasons for your views)*.

I oppose the application on the following basis – I am a local fishing guide in the region. The proposal imposes serious implications regarding the health of the already robust trout fishery in the upper Clutha river and lakes Wanaka and Dunstan, the Cardrona and Lindis rivers (fish travel between all of these systems via the Clutha river and they are all healthy fisheries in their own right) These effects are not limited to water quality, habitat disruption and destruction and effects on spawning

fish and therefore the future of the fishery. Spawning trout can be present in the river from May to November. The presence and sound of a 24 meter suction dredge alone will change the amenity of the river and the characteristics that I personally and I believe many users value the most. The upper Clutha is a remarkably intact environment with a thriving riparian zone. It's a quiet, peaceful and pleasant place to spend time - the presence of the dredge will disrupt that significantly. This would no doubt disrupt the experience for myself and the visiting tourist anglers that I take fishing on the river. So while it might provide a few jobs it also might displace a few. Aside from my work I spend a significant amount of time on the river with my family, walking my dog, hunting and fishing, rafting, kayaking, swimming and generally enjoying the peace and quiet. It's worth noting that this is not only done on the weekends or public holidays, in fact quite the opposite. I strongly believe that the upper Clutha river is one of our most valuable and underrated local natural and recreational resources and I think we, as an outdoor, tourism base community should not take that for granted as it is the backbone of our community and economy.

It is also worth noting while this dredge has been operation in the lower Clutha for some time and likely not without consequence, the upper river is a different river with different characteristics such as gradient and braids and lake deltas and has significantly less flow.

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

I urge council to reject this application.

I/we:

- Wish to be heard in support of our/my submission
- Not wish to be heard in support of our/my submission

If others make a similar submission, I/we will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

- Yes
- No

I, **am/am not** (choose one) a trade competitor* of the applicant (for the purposes of Section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991).

**If trade competitor chosen, please complete the next statement, otherwise leave blank.*

I, **am/am not** (choose one) directly affected by an effect as a result of the proposed activity in the application that:

- a) adversely affects the environment; and
- b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

I, **do/do not** (choose one) wish to be involved in any pre-hearing meeting that may be held for this application.

I **do/do not** request* that the local authority delegates its functions, powers, and duties to hear and decide the application to 1 or more hearings commissioners who are not members of the local authority.

I **have/have not** served a copy of my submission on the applicant.



23/6/23

Signature/s of submitter/s

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter/s)

(Date)

Notes to the submitter

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.

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.

Privacy: Please note that submissions are public. Your name and submission will be included in papers that are available to the media and the public, including publication on the Council website. Your submission will only be used for the purpose of the notified resource consent process

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.

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 may be liable to meet or contribute to the costs of the hearings commissioner or commissioners.

You may not make a request under section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991 in relation to an application for a coastal permit to carry out an activity that a regional coastal plan describes as a restricted coastal activity.

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.

The address for service for the Consent Authority is:

Otago Regional Council, Private Bag 1954, Dunedin, 9054
or by email to submissions@orc.govt.nz