
BARRYTOWN FAST-TRACK APPLICATION ON SCHEDULE FOR 8 DECEMBER DECISION

Tāiko Critical Minerals Limited (NZX: TCM) (**Tāiko** or the **Company**) advises that it has lodged its reply to comments received by the Expert Panel considering its Fast-track application for the Southern Block of the Barrytown Critical Minerals Project.

The reply was lodged on 5 October 2026, together with further information requested by the Panel, and is published on the Fast-track website.

<https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/barrytown-minerals-project>

The reply provides comprehensive responses to the comments received, supported by the Company's technical experts. The Company has met each deadline in the process to date.

The application builds on the resource consents Tāiko already holds for the Coates South Block and its Mineral Separation Plant at Rapahoe. If granted, it would provide the resource consents and other approvals required to extend the project into the adjoining Southern Block.

The Panel's decision is due on 8 December 2026, the date set when the Panel was appointed in August. The process remains on that timetable.

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ABOUT TĀIKO CRITICAL MINERALS

Tāiko is a New Zealand incorporated company preparing to extract, refine and export critical minerals from privately owned farmland on the West Coast of the South Island of New Zealand, near Greymouth. The Company has strong mana whenua support, with resource consents through to implementation.

Tāiko plans to develop and produce ilmenite, zircon, garnet, and other critical minerals. The company's "mine to market" strategy involves refining these critical minerals at a planned Mineral Separation Plant on the West Coast and exporting them to global customers. The Company's operations are in start-up phase and are therefore pre-revenue.

BARRYTOWN CRITICAL MINERALS PROJECT

The Company's core asset is the Barrytown Critical Minerals Project, contained on Mining Permit ML 60785 covering 1250ha of coastal heavy mineral sands located ~30 km north of Greymouth.

Tāiko has been granted resource consents to mine the mineral resource from the Coates South Block property near Greymouth.

The Company has entered into a conditional Sale and Purchase Agreement with Barrytown Farms Limited to acquire approximately 304 hectares of farmland on the Barrytown Flats, securing access rights for the core mining blocks of the project.

The Company has also been granted resource consents to construct and operate a mineral separation plant at nearby Rapahoe, which will produce high value critical minerals from the mineral resource.

In addition, Tāiko will transport refined minerals via established rail infrastructure to South Island ports for export to global customers.

MINERAL RESOURCE

Tāiko has reported a JORC Code (2012) compliant Mineral Resource for the Barrytown Critical Minerals Project comprising Total Measured, Indicated and Inferred Resources of 25.3 Mt @ 24.1% VHM and 33.2% THM.

The Company has also reported an initial JORC Code (2012) Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) for the Canoe Creek Block, with Measured & Indicated Resources of 2.85 Mt @ 20% Valuable Heavy Mineral (VHM).

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The Company lodged its substantive application for resource consent under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 on 8 June 2026. The application covers mining of the mineral resource extension of the Coates South Block contained in the Canoe Creek, Barrytown Farms and Cargill South Blocks.

Tāiko has received strong support from Mana Whenua Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae, whose vital input is helping to shape the project from resource consents through to implementation.

COMPETENT PERSONS STATEMENT

The Mineral Resource information in this announcement is based on information compiled under the supervision of Mathijs van de Ven (MAusIMM) and Michael Gazley (MAusIMM, MAIG) of RSC, who are Competent Persons as defined in the JORC Code (2012). Both have sufficient experience relevant to this style of mineralisation and consent to the inclusion of this information in the form and context in which it appears.

MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATES

All references to mineral resource estimates should be read in conjunction with the reports listed in the table below.

Location	Title of Document	Competent person	Report & (NZX release) date
Barrytown Farms and Coates South	Initial Mineral Resource Estimate for the Barrytown Critical Minerals Project	Mr Rene Sterk MSc FAusIMM (CP(Geo) MAIG (RPGeo) MSEG	20 Jan 2026 (pre NZX listing)
Barrytown Farms and Coates South	Listing Profile – Taiko Critical Minerals Limited	Mr Rene Sterk MSc FAusIMM (CP(Geo) MAIG (RPGeo) MSEG	5 Mar 2026 (NZX: 5 Mar 26)
Canoe Creek	Canoe Creek Mineral Resource Estimate	Mathijs van de Ven (MAusIMM) Michael Gazley (MAusIMM, MAIG)	4 May 2026 (NZX: 13 May 26)
Canoe Creek	Initial Mineral Resource Estimate for the Canoe Creek Block at the Barrytown Critical Minerals Project	Mathijs van de Ven (MAusIMM)	6 May 2026 (NZX: 13 May 26)

The above reports were prepared by RSC and can be found at www.taikocm.co.nz/mineral-resource-information.

All disclosures made in this document with reference to mineral resources estimates are quoted as per those documents. Taiko confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that will or may materially affect the information included in this market announcement. In the case of mineral resource estimates, all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates continue to apply and have not materially changed since the date of the above reports.

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Forward-looking statements, opinions, and estimates included in this document are based on assumptions and contingencies which are subject to change without notice. These statements are provided as a general guide only and should not be relied upon as a guarantee of future performance.

Project development pathways, timelines, production targets, and commercial outcomes are indicative only and are based on current expectations. Actual timing and outcomes may vary depending on technical, regulatory, funding, and market conditions. Tāiko does not undertake to update forward-looking statements except as required by applicable law.

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