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FAST-TRACK PANEL RELEASES DRAFT DECISION TO APPROVE BARRYTOWN CRITICAL MINERALS PROJECT

Tāiko Critical Minerals Limited (**Tāiko, TCM** or **the Company**) (**NZX:TCM**) has today received conditional approval of its fast-track application for the Barrytown Critical Minerals Project.

The fast-track expert panel issued a draft decision proposing to grant all approvals sought by Taiko, subject to final conditions of consent.

Invited parties will be given the opportunity to comment of the draft conditions of consent, and the Company the opportunity to reply, before a final decision due on 8 December 2026.

Key Points

- The application covers the Canoe Creek, Barrytown Farms and Cargill South blocks, which extend the already-consented Coates South block and would enable a project life of more than 20 years.
- Together, the four blocks contain a JORC Code Mineral Resource of 35Mt at 21% Total Heavy Mineral (THM), of which 34.1Mt is in the Measured and Indicated categories.

Chief Executive Robert Brand says the draft decision is a key step in the development of a high-quality mineral resource.

“The Panel’s draft decision reflects the work of our team and close engagement with community and stakeholders over the past nine years. We will work through the draft conditions of consent carefully and provide our comments to the panel, and we look forward to receiving a final decision by early December.”

Details of the panel’s draft decision is available on the fast-track website:
https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/barrytown-minerals-project/draft-decision-and-conditions

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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 34.1Mt @ 21% Measured & Indicated Total Heavy Mineral and 0.9Mt @ 23% Inferred Total Heavy Mineral.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The Company lodged its substantive application for resource consent under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 on 8 June 2026, which is the subject of this announcement.

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)
Cargill South	Initial Mineral Resource Estimate for the Cargill South Block at the Barrytown Critical Minerals Project	Mathijs van de Ven (MAusIMM) Michael Gazley (MAusIMM, MAIG)	11 Oct 2026 (NZX: 12 Oct 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.

PUBLIC DISCLOSURES

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