

OCEANAGOLD (NEW ZEALAND)
LIMITED

WAIHI NORTH PROJECT

SOCIAL IMPACT

Evidence of **Hilary Konigkramer**
Regarding Technical Assessment of
Social Effects and Proposed
Conditions

INTRODUCTION

My name is Hilary Konigkramer.

My role in relation to the Waihi North Project (“**WNP**”) has been to provide expert advice in relation to social impacts. I wrote the Social Impact Assessment which is provided within *Part H – Supporting Technical Assessments* of the application.

This evidence has been prepared to accompany the application by Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited (“**OGNZL**”) for approvals required for the WNP under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (“**FTAA**”). It has been prepared on the understanding that the process for determining applications under the FTAA does not require a hearing to be held, and accordingly the purpose of this evidence is to confirm that, relative to my area of expertise the Social Impact Assessment provides an appropriate description of the relevant environment, the proposed activities comprising the effects of the WNP on that environment, and the way those effects are proposed to be managed.

My findings are set out in full in the Social Impact Assessment included within *Part H – Supporting Technical Assessments* of the application.

While this application is not being considered by the Environment Court, I confirm that I have read the Code of Conduct for expert witnesses contained in the Environment Court of New Zealand Practice Note 2023 and that I have complied with it when preparing this evidence. Other than when I state I am relying on the advice of another person, this evidence is within my area of expertise. I have not omitted to consider material facts known to me that might alter or detract from the opinions that I express.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

I hold the qualification of a Bachelor of Social Science (Honours) obtained from the University of Natal, South Africa in 1998. I am certified as a Social Impact Assessment Specialist by Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ).

I am currently employed as Principal Environment Consultant and have held that position since 2019.

My previous work experience includes having led and delivered Social Impact Assessments, in line with international best practice, for a wide range of projects over my career of 24 years. I have relevant experience in the mining sector, having conducted Social Impact

Assessment for both opencast and underground coal, gold and platinum mining activities in South Africa, and more recently gold mining in New Zealand.

In providing this evidence in relation to social impacts, I have considered the following matters as relevant to that topic:

- (a) The project description provided by OGNZL as set out in Section 2 of the Substantive Application prepared by Mitchell Daysh Limited;
- (b) The description of the existing environment, the effects of the WNP on that environment and their significance, and the proposals to manage those effects all as set out in the assessment of environmental effects accompanying the application; and
- (c) The technical assessments of Transportation; Noise; Air Discharge; Landscape, Natural Character and Visual Effects; Economic; Recreation and Tourism; Blasting and Vibration; and Lighting.

CONFIRMATION OF CONTENTS OF REPORT AND PROPOSED CONDITIONS

I confirm that in my opinion the Social Impact Assessment contains an accurate and appropriate description of the environment, the actual and potential effects of the WNP, and the recommended actions to manage those effects within my area of expertise.

I confirm that in my opinion the contents of the Social Impact Assessment may be relied on in making a decision on the approvals sought for the WNP and confirm that provided effects within my area of expertise are managed as proposed in the application those effects will not be unacceptable and will be managed to a standard that I consider meets good practice.

I confirm that I have reviewed the conditions that OGNZL proposes for the various approvals being sought as they relate to my area of expertise. I confirm that in my opinion those proposed conditions are appropriate.



Hilary Konigkramer

Dated this 3rd day of March 2025