
MINUTE 1 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Project Overview Conference
Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project
[FTAA-2507-1089]
[25 February 2026]

- [1] The purpose of this Minute is to confirm the time and the details for an online project overview conference from the applicant.
- [2] The briefing will be held on Thursday 26 February 2026 at 11:00AM, held online.
- [3] The purpose of the conference is to familiarise the Expert Panel with:
- (a) the content of the application for approvals;
 - (b) the content and structure of proposed conditions;
 - (c) the key points of evidence (technical reports, assessments and other information) provided in support of the application;
 - (d) relevant legal tests and legal issues in contention;
 - (e) the content and structure of proposed conditions, including management plans and strategic plan, and drafting style;
 - (f) other relevant matters.
- [4] During the briefing:
- (a) the Applicant will present a high-level overview of the application;
 - (b) the Expert Panel will have the opportunity to ask questions about the application, noting that Panel members have begun to familiarise

themselves with the documents by the time of the briefing.

[5] The Expert Panel requests that the applicant make available the appropriate experts they believe will assist in the Panel's understanding of the application in the briefing.

[6] It should be noted that the Expert Panel will be reasonably familiar with the application documents, they will not have had an opportunity to consider matters in detail. There will be further opportunities in this process for that to occur.

[7] In the interests of transparency, however, and to provide potential commenters with the same information as that provided to the panel, the briefing will be recorded and made available on the Fast-track website following the conference.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. A. Muir". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a trailing flourish.

Hon Matthew Muir KC

Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project Expert Panel Chair