



Hon Matthew Muir KC

Chair

Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project Expert Panel

Environmental Protection Authority

Wellington

By email substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz

RE: Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project – FTAA-2507-1089 Request for Invitation to Comment

Dear Hon Matthew Muir KC,

I am following with interest the progress of the Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project – FTAA-2507-1089, and I wish to provide comment to assist the panel in its assessment of the application.

Accordingly, I am seeking an invitation to comment under section 53(3) of the Fast-Track Approvals Act 2024.

Yours Sincerely,

Rt. Hon. Simon Upton

Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment

Te Kaitiaki Taiao a Te Whare Pāremata