

OCEANAGOLD (NEW ZEALAND)
LIMITED

WAIHI NORTH PROJECT

Recreation and Tourism Assessment

Evidence of Rob Greenaway Regarding
Technical Assessment of Recreation
and Tourism Effects and Proposed
Conditions

24 January 2025

INTRODUCTION

My name is Robert James Greenaway.

My role in relation to the Waihi North Project (“**WNP**”) has been to provide expert advice in relation to recreation and tourism. I wrote the *Waihi North Project Recreation and Tourism 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 Recreation and Tourism 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 Recreation and Tourism 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 am an independent consultant, recreation and tourism researcher, and planner.

I graduated from Lincoln University in 1987 with a three-year Diploma in Parks and Recreation Management with Distinction and completed 18 months of postgraduate study in conservation management.

I hold the status of an Accredited Recreation Professional with Recreation Aotearoa (“**RA**”), the national professional body for the recreation sector, of which I am a past Executive member. I am a member and past Chair of the RA Board of Accreditation for member accreditation to professional status. I am also a member of the New Zealand Association for Impact Assessment.

In 2011, I was appointed as an inaugural Board member of the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Recreation Council, to assist Sport New Zealand with the implementation of the National Outdoor Recreation Strategy, amongst other things.

I was awarded the Ian Galloway Memorial Cup in 2004 by RA to recognise 'excellence and outstanding personal contribution to the wider parks industry'. In 2013, I was awarded the status of Fellow with RA.

I was employed in the fields of recreation and tourism at Tourism Resource Consultants (1990-1995) and at Boffa Miskell Limited (1995-1997) before beginning to work independently in 1997.

I have completed more than 500 consultancy projects nationally since 1997 and have presented evidence at more than 120 resource management hearings throughout New Zealand. I have completed various impact assessments for OceanaGold since 2020, and am currently working on mining projects on the West Coast (Bathurst Resources) and Otago (Santana Minerals). I have previously carried out mining assessments on the Denniston Plateau (Buller Coal and Bathurst), the Taranaki Bight (Trans-Tasman Resources), and at Macraes Flat in Otago. I have also completed projects for various quarries (Simcox in Belheim, Graymont near Te Kuiti, Fulton Hogan in Canterbury). I have completed more than 50 assessments on river abstractions and discharges.

In providing this evidence in relation to recreation and tourism, 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;
- (c) The technical assessments of Marshally Day (Noise), and Boffa Miskell (landscape, ecology and pest animal management); and
- (d) A wide range of data sources which describe the recreation opportunities and values in the study area, relevant recreation management plans, and interviews with recreation user groups and tourism operators.

CONFIRMATION OF CONTENTS OF REPORT AND PROPOSED CONDITIONS

I confirm that in my opinion the 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 Recreation and Tourism 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.

Rob Greenaway

Dated 24th day of January 2025