

Before an Expert Consenting Panel

Under the

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

And

In the Matter of

an application for approvals by
Matakanui Gold Limited to establish,
operate, rehabilitate and ultimately
close an open pit and underground
gold mining operation known as the
Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project

**Memorandum of Counsel on behalf of
Matakanui Gold Limited requesting
resumption of processing**

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1. This Memorandum of Counsel is filed on behalf of Matakanui Gold Limited (**Matakanui Gold**).
2. In accordance with Section 65 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (**FTA**), Matakanui Gold requests that processing of the Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project resume on 17 August 2026.
3. Matakanui Gold makes this request on the understanding that resuming processing on 17 August 2026 results in a final decision date of 17 December 2026, being 140 working days from the receipt of comments under Section 53.¹

Dated 3 July 2026



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¹ 10 April 2026.