

Our Reference: RM24.245

30 October 2025

Email: Cheryl Low [REDACTED]

Dear Cheryl,

Matakanui Gold Limited - Fast Track Application – Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project

Section 30(3)(b) Notice under Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Thank you for your letter dated 29 May 2025 providing notice under section 30(2) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA) that Matakanui Gold Limited will be seeking an approval described in section 42(4)(a) of the FTAA for the Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project.

From your notice we understand that the application will apply to the following areas:

- Section 11-16, 23, 27, 37, 39 Survey Office Plan 24641 and Section 2 Survey Office Plan 332575 and Lot 6 Deposited Plan 517385
- Lot 1 Deposited Plan 525588
- Lot 11 Deposited Plan 525588 and Lot2 Deposited Plan 505064 and Section 18 Survey Office Plan 24641

In accordance with s30(3)(b) of the FTA we advise that there are no existing resource consents to which section 124C(1)(c) or 165ZI of the Resource Management Act 1991 would apply if the approval were to be applied for as a resource consent under that Act on the area listed above.

In reaching this position, Council has relied on the following information, provided by Matakanui Gold Limited:

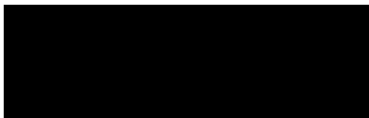
- Memorandum from Lane Neave, Matter Number 271881.0001, dated 28 October 2025, including Appendices A-C; and
- Memorandum, prepared by Hydro Geochem Group Limited, Document Number J-H-NZ0235-002-M-Rev0, dated 20 October 2025.

Council notes that the surface water resource within the Lindis River Catchment and the Bendigo Catchment, in which the project activities will occur, is fully allocated. Any consent granted to take and use surface water as primary allocation from these catchments could not be fully exercised until the expiry of existing resource consents that utilise the surface water resource. However,

Matakanui Gold Limited has demonstrated that its proposal will involve the delivery of water to rivers (augmentation), for the purpose of subsequent taking, such that primary allocation is not required. Hence, if the consents sought were to be granted, they could be fully exercised without reliance on the expiration of any existing water permit.

If you have any queries or require clarification on the information provided, please contact me on 0800 474 082 or by emailing consent.fasttrack@orc.govt.nz

Yours sincerely,



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