



Competing Interests and Completeness check for project under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024

Project Name	Bendigo – Ophir Gold Project	
Applicant	Matakanui Gold Limited	

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Introduction

1. Matakanui Gold Limited (the Applicant) lodged a substantive application for Bendigo – Ophir Gold Project (the Project) with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
2. On 4 November 2025 the EPA requested feedback regarding completeness in order to determine whether the substantive application complies with section 46(2) of the FTA Act.
3. HNZPT has also undertaken a check for competing applications to assist in determining if there are any competing applications or existing resource consents under section 47 of the FTA Act.

Completeness Check

4. HNZPT does not consider the application to be complete, for the following reasons:
5. A description of how the proposed activity will modify and destroy each archaeological site (Schedule 8 cl2(1)(g)). Three recorded archaeological sites are identified within the application boundary but the effects on these have not been considered in the archaeological assessment.
6. The assessment of the archaeological values of the archaeological site is not appropriate detail to the scale and significance of the proposed activity and the proposed modification or destruction of the archaeological site(s) (Schedule 8 cl2(1)(h)(i)).

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7. HNZPT confirms that there are no current competing archaeological authority applications under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga 2014 Act that relate to the same activity and site.
8. If the application is deemed complete and it would assist the panel, HNZPT can offer additional comment on the effects on historic heritage values arising from the proposal.