

Your Comment on the Waihi North draft conditions

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To the Expert panel,

The Waikato Regional Council (WRC) has the following comments in response to Minute 7 from the Expert Panel requesting comments on the draft consent condition for the Waihi North project.

Overall, over the course of the previous RMA application process and the Fast Track process, WRC is appreciative of the time and effort undertaken by OceanaGold Limited to collaborate on the proposed conditions. WRC has been in discussions with the Company over the proposed conditions for a number of years now. WRC is in agreement with all of the proposed conditions but requests additional wording to proposed condition C2 within Appendix B1: Conditions Common to the Hauraki District Council and Waikato Regional Council Resource Consents to aid in the ability to effectively and efficiently monitor the conditions as detailed below.

WRC also wishes to bring to the panel's attention a couple of administrative errors in the draft decision as follows;

- 1 Dr Caldwell's surname has been misspelt three times - under paragraphs 533 (2 times) and 535 (1 time) in Section E under air quality; and
- 2 The NESAQ ambient air quality standards appear to be erroneously referred to as guidelines under paragraph 532(c). These should more correctly be referred to as standards.

With respect to the proposed conditions, WRC requests that condition C2 refer to the relevant application documents as recorded on the WRC document recording database as follows (additional proposed wording is in red and underlined):

C2:

The activities authorised by this consent must be undertaken in general accordance with the information contained in the Assessment of Environmental Effects and supporting technical documents submitted by OceanaGold New Zealand Limited ("the Consent Holder") to the Environmental Protection Authority ("EPA") in support of its application for authorisation of the Waihi North Project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 ("Act"). For those activities relevant to the Waikato Regional Council's functions then the application documents are those recorded on the Waikato Regional Councils database titled "Waihi North Application Documents Parts A-D and Parts F-J - EPA" and recorded as document number 34044972 on the Waikato Regional Council database.

WRC has two reasons for this request being:

- 1 Referring to the application document number on the WRC database provides the monitoring officer with the ability to find and refer to the original application referenced within the consent conditions. This is essential should any issues arise in the future.
- 2 Links to webpages often change overtime so having documents on an external database that is not maintained by the Council potentially creates problems if that database is not maintained in perpetuity or is changed overtime.

WRC requests that reference to the application documents within the Councils database is included in the condition to aid in the monitoring of this complex site.

WRC thanks the Expert Panel for the opportunity to comment on the draft conditions.

If you require any further discussions on this matter, then please contact [REDACTED] in the first instance.

Sincerely

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Thank you for your comments