



**FTAA-2507-1089 – CODC COMPLETENESS CHECK**  
**SECTION 46 OF THE FAST TRACK APPROVALS ACT 2025.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Bendigo- Ophir Gold Project</b>
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Matakanui Gold Ltd</b>
<b>Project Number</b>	<b>FTAA-2507-1089</b>
<b>Consents sought</b>	<b>RMA consents sought under the Central Otago District Plan</b>
<b>Date due to EPA</b>	<b>12 November 2025</b>

On 6 November 2025, Central Otago District Council (CODC) received a request from the EPA seeking its views whether the application FTAA-2507-1089 meets the requirements of sections 42 and 43 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) and whether the information is in sufficient detail to satisfy Section 44 of the Act.

The purpose of this document is to provide advice to assist the EPA in making its decision whether the application FTAA-2507-1089 complies with the requirements of section 46 of the Act.

The advice covers compliance with the following:

- Information requirements for relevant approvals
- Consultation requirements

It is emphasised that this check does not confirm the accuracy or robustness of the information submitted with the substantive application. Furthermore, the confirmation that the application is complete under s46 of the Act should not be treated as a signal of CODC's position on the substantive application overall. CODC understands and supports that this document will be passed on to the applicant, the Panel Convener and the Panel.

#### **Compliance with information requirements**

CODC's assessment of the information requirements for the approvals sought is provided in Table A included with this response.

In summary, CODC advises that, in terms of the relevant CODC matters, the application generally meets all of requirements set out in sections 42-44 of the Act and can be deemed as complete under section 46 of the Act.

Where information is identified as incomplete in Table A, it is assessed on the basis that the absence of this information at this stage of the process is unlikely to have significant implications and should not necessarily impact on the progression of the application to the next stage of the process. As such, CODC suggests that any information gaps identified in

Table A can be resolved through further information requests.

## **Consultation**

Section 29(1)(a) of the Act requires that, before lodging a substantive application for a listed project, the authorised person for the project must consult the persons and groups referred to in section 11<sup>1</sup>, including the relevant administering agencies and relevant Treaty partners. CODC are a relevant local authority for FTAA-2507-1089.

CODC agrees with the applicant's assessment of consultation at 5.2.2 of A.12 – Section 5 of the substantive application, that consultation has occurred through a number of meetings, site visits and the provision of technical documents since the applicant first signaled its intention to make an application under the FTAA legislation.

While consultation has occurred, there has been limited opportunity for an exchange of views between CODC experts and MGL experts to determine areas of agreement or disagreement. Site visits for CODC experts were undertaken as the technical documents were available and requests to have MGL experts on-site during CODC expert site visits were unable to be accommodated by the applicant.

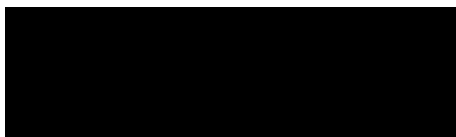
The draft technical documents circulated by the applicant as part of the pre-lodgment consultation, were received over several months but were significantly fewer than the range and scope of the documents submitted with the substantive application.

On three separate occasions, CODC requested further information necessary to understand the proposal and facilitate discussion between experts. The information provided as part of the applicant's response to those requests only partially addressed the matters raised by CODC. Critically, CODC made multiple unsuccessful requests to be given the opportunity to review the draft Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE). The full description of the proposal, AEE with proposed supporting conditions were not provided prior to lodgment of the substantive application.

## **Section 30 Confirmation**

The written notice prepared by CODC on 10 October 2025, pursuant to section 30 of the Act remains accurate and final at the time of preparing this letter. A copy of the written notice is included with this response.

Yours faithfully



**Fiona Garrett**  
**Planning Manager**

---

<sup>1</sup> Section 43(2)(a) links sections 11 and 29 of the Act.

Enclosed

*CODC FTTA s46 Completeness Check list – Table A*  
*CODC Letter issued under s30 of the Act*  
*CODC Compliance Monitoring Letter - s13(4)(x) of the Act.*