

OCEANAGOLD (NEW ZEALAND)
LIMITED

MACRAES PHASE FOUR (MP4)

Avifauna Values, Avifauna Management Plan

Evidence of **Michaela Rose Scarrott**
Regarding Technical Assessment of
Terrestrial Effects and Proposed
Conditions

29/07/2026

INTRODUCTION

1. My name is Michaela-Rose Scarrott
2. My role in relation to Macraes Phase 4 (“**MP4**”) has been to provide expert advice in relation to Avifauna and Terrestrial Ecology. I am one of the authors and/or reviewers of the:
 - i Ecological Impact Assessment (**EclA**);
 - ii Avifauna Values Assessment (“**the AVA**”); and
 - iii Avifauna Management and Monitoring Plan (“**the AMMP**”).

which is provided within *Part B – Technical Reports* of the application.

3. This evidence has been prepared to accompany the Report and the application by Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited (“**OGNZL**”) for approvals required for MP4 under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (“**FTAA**”).
4. Section 4.1(h) of the FTAA Panel Conveners’ Practice and Procedure note (July 2025) says all technical experts authoring reports should include a statement regarding compliance with the Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses. This evidence has been prepared to fulfil this requirement, and if a hearing is not held, this evidence confirms that, relative to my area of expertise the Report provides an appropriate description of the relevant environment, the proposed activities comprising the effects of the MP4 on that environment, and the way those effects are proposed to be managed.
5. My findings are set out in full in the AVA, and the AMMP included within *Part B – Technical Reports* of the application.
6. While this application is not being considered by the Environment Court, I confirm that I have read the Code of Conduct for expert witnesses contained in the Environment Court of New Zealand Practice Note 2023 and that I have complied with it when preparing the Report. Other than when I state I am relying on the advice of another person, the Report is within my area of expertise. I have not omitted to consider material facts known to me that might alter or detract from the opinions that I express.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

7. I am currently employed as a terrestrial ecologist for Bioresearches and have held that position since October 2023.

8. My previous work experience includes authoring and reviewing reports of terrestrial ecology effects analysis, and management plans for the following approved Fast Track Applications:
 - a. Wellington International Airport Southern Seawall Renewal (WIASSR) EclA (2026) and associated management plans:
 - i WIASSR Avifauna Management Plan
 - ii WIASSR Lizard Management Plan
 - b. Waste Management New Zealand (WMNZ) Ltd EclA (2026) and associated management plans:
 - i WMNZ Avifauna Management Plan;
 - ii WMNZ Lizard Management Plan.
9. For the Macraes Phase 4 (MP4) Project specifically, I have been involved with a range of ecological field investigations, including avifauna, vegetation, lizard, and terrestrial invertebrate surveys in 2026.
10. I have visited the Macraes region over three consecutive summer seasons (2024-2026), undertaking various ecological surveys for OceanaGold including: to inform the CN5 lizard salvage project, and undertake lizard salvages (CCP2 and CN5). This has provided me with a detailed understanding of the site's ecological values, having worked across many areas of the Project footprint, over multiple field seasons.
11. In providing this evidence, I have considered the following matters as relevant to that topic:
 - (a) The project description provided by OGNZL as set out in Section 6 of the Substantive Application prepared by Mitchell Daysh Limited;
 - (b) The description of the existing environment as set out in Section 4 of the Substantive Application, the effects of MP4 on that environment and their significance, and the proposals to manage those effects as all set out in the assessment of effects in Section 9 of the Substantive Application; and
 - (c) The technical assessments of of Whirika (2026), Vegetation and Wetland Values Assessment; and those of my colleagues who have prepared the following specialist technical reports and Management Plans:
 - i. Invertebrate Values Assessment, Mr. Dylan van Winkel

- ii. Lizard Values Assessment, Mr. Dylan van Winkel
- iii. Bat Values Assessment, Ms. Alisha Hart
- iv. Vegetation and Flora Management Plan, Ms. Bella Burgess
- v. Terrestrial Residual Effects Restoration Plan, Ms. Charlotte Garrett

CONFIRMATION OF CONTENTS OF REPORT AND PROPOSED CONDITIONS

- 12. I confirm that in my opinion the Report contains an accurate and appropriate description of the environment, the actual and potential effects of MP4, and the recommended actions to manage those effects within my area of expertise.
- 13. I confirm that in my opinion the contents of the Report may be relied on in making a decision on the approvals sought for MP4, and confirm that provided effects within my area of expertise are managed as proposed in the application those effects will not be unacceptable and will be managed to a standard that I consider meets good practice.
- 14. I confirm that I have reviewed the conditions that OGNZL proposes for the various approvals being sought as they relate to my area of expertise.



Michaela Scarrott

Dated 08/09/2026