

Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project - Hearing schedule

Version Date: 28 April 2026

Please note:

1. The hearing schedule is subject to change, due to the length of presentations, witness availability and/or questions
2. A specific day or time cannot be guaranteed. Parties may need to wait for the person prior to finish and/or you may need to be available the day before or after you were scheduled.
3. Please advise the EPA of any periods of unavailability as soon as possible - by email [bendigoftaa@fasttrack.govt.nz]

29 April 2026 - Hearing Day 1 - 10 am Start					
Time Formula	Party	Name of Representative	Evidence/ Representation	Maximum Time allocation (Excluding Questions)	Questioning
10:00	Opening Statement from Expert Panel Chair			0:15	
10:15	Central Otago District Council	Jayne Macdonald (LR) Ann Rogers Fiona Garrett		0:15	Panel 5-10 mins
10:40	Department of Conservation	Pene Williams (LR) Marie Payne		0:15	Panel 5-10 mins
11:05	Otago Regional Council	Dave Randal (LR) Jenny Ross		0:25	Panel 5-10 mins
11:40	Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga	Melanie Russell (LR) Emma Clifford	Evidence provided	0:15	Panel 5-10 mins
12:05	Lunch Break			0:45	
12:50	New Zealand Transport Agency (Remote)	Helen Dempster Stephen Cottrell	Evidence provided	0:15	Panel 5-10 mins
13:15	Environmental Defence Society	Rob Enright (LR) Jen Vella (LR)		0:35	Panel 5-10 mins
14:00	NZ Fish and Game Council & Otago Fish and Game	Sally Gepp (LR)		0:25	Panel 5-10 mins
14:35	Santana Mine Supporters Group	Bill Sanders Another speaker TBC		0:15	Panel 5-10 mins
15:00	Break			0:15	
15:15	Forest and Bird (Remote)	Tim Williams		0:15	Panel 5-10 mins
15:40	Sustainable Tarras Incorporated	Juliam Miles (LR) Sally Gepp (LR)		0:35	Panel 5-10 mins
16:25	Central Otago Winegrowers Association	James Gardner-Hopkins (Remote) Carolyn Murray		0:15	Panel 5-10 mins
16:50	Chinaman's Terrace Service Company Limited (CSTC)	Paul Pujol (Video Submission)		0:15	Panel 5-10 mins
17:15	Ardgour Strawbale B&B	Prof. Geoffrey Kearsley Dr. Claire Kearsley		0:15	Panel 5-10 mins
17:40	Adjourned				
30 April 2026 - Hearing Day 2 - 9:00 am Start					

Time Formula	Party	Name of Representative	Evidence/ Representation	Time allocation (Excluding Questions)	Questioning
9:00	Panel			0:15	
9:15	Individual	Peter Rough	Evidence Provided	0:15	Panel 5-10 mins
9:40	Schoolhouse Terrace Services Company	Hayden Johnston		0:15	Panel 5-10 mins
10:05	Individual	Di Lucas	Evidence provided	0:15	Panel 5-10 mins
10:30	Break			0:15	
10:45	Otago Conservation Board (Remote)	Dean Fraser		0:15	Panel 5-10 mins
11:10	Individual	Holger Reinecke		0:15	Panel 5-10 mins
11:35	Individual	Ross Hanan	Overview Provided	0:15	Panel 5-10 mins
12:00	Lunch Break			0:45	
12:45	Individual	Trevathan Family: Bridget Irving (LR)(Remote)		0:15	Panel 5-10 mins
13:10	The Canyon Vineyard Ltd	Hayden Johnston		0:15	Panel 5-10 mins
13:35	Applicant			1:30	N/A
15:05	Adjourned				