
MINUTE 52 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Resumption of Processing and Appointment of Conditions Writer
Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project
[FTAA-2507-1089]
[16 September 2026]

Resumption of Processing

[1] In a Memorandum of Counsel dated 24 August 2026, the Applicant sought the suspension of processing under section 64 of the FTAA, which took effect on 31 August 2026. The Applicant further requested that processing of the substantive application was to resume on 14 September 2026 pursuant to section 65(1) of the FTAA.

[2] By way of memorandum dated 15 September 2026, the Applicant provided formal notice confirming the processing of this application resumed effective from 14 September 2026.

[3] The Panel confirms resumption of processing commenced from and includes 14 September 2026.

[4] The Panel's final decision is now due on 20 January 2027, provided there are no further suspensions.

Appointment of Advisor.

[5] This Minute also advises the engagement, pursuant to s67 of the FTAA, of Megan Couture to support the Panel with the review of the proposed conditions

for each approval and the comments received on them.

[6] Ms Couture is an experienced planner who has acted in similar roles with other panels.

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Hon Matthew Muir KC

Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project Expert Panel Chair