
MINUTE 53 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
EDS Files Supplementary Evidence on Burgess Memorandum
Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project
[FTAA-2507-1089]
[21 September 2026]

[1] This minute responds to the Environmental Defence Society's (EDS's) memorandum dated 18 April seeking leave to file a supplementary statement by Dr Leanne Morgan

[2] The memorandum and statement allege a calculation error in the memorandum from Mr. Burgess (Hydro Geochem Group) dated 14 September 2014. It is suggested that the error "removes the quantitative basis for Mr. Burgess's conclusion that most unrecovered seepage would report to [the position identified as] SC01".

[3] The Panel considers it appropriate that any such potential error be interrogated and grants leave accordingly. It also grants leave to MGL to file any responsive statement. It is to do so by 23 September 2026.

[4] As to the implications of the alleged error (assuming it to be accepted or established), these will be the subject of further detailed review by Commissioner Mulliner and s67 appointee Dr Avaniadou who will report to the full Panel.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. A. Muir," with a stylized, cursive script.

Hon Matthew Muir KC

Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project Expert Panel Chair