

18 August 2026

Otago Regional Council
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Via email: [REDACTED] and customerservices.orc.govt.nz

Dear [REDACTED],

RE: Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 – Substantive Application for the Macraes Phase Four Project by Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited

Following our engagement over the last 8 or so months, this letter confirms and officially notifies Otago Regional Council that Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited (“**OGNZL**”) will be applying for all approvals necessary under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (“**FTAA**”) for the construction, operation, maintenance, and closure of the Macraes Phase Four Project (“**MP4**”). MP4 is listed in Schedule 2 of the FTAA, and it is intended that an application for the project will be lodged with the Environmental Protection Authority on or before the 9th of September 2026.

The application will seek approval for mining and mining related activities at the existing Macraes Operation to extend the life of the operation until at least 2039. These activities include (but are not restricted to):

- Extensions to existing open pits at Coronation, Coronation North, Innes Mills, and Golden Bar;
- Extension of the existing Golden Point Underground Mine;
- Relocation and expansion of tailings storage and extension of existing waste rock stacks;
- Associated ancillary infrastructure including roading, workshops and water management facilities; and
- Rehabilitation and closure activities.

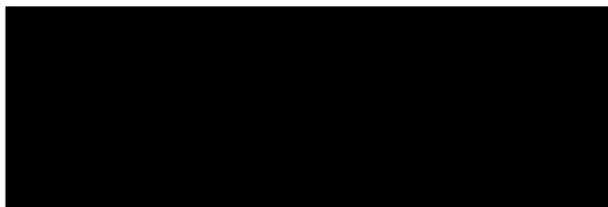
OceanaGold has engaged a wide range of technical experts to assist with the design of MP4 and the assessment of its actual and potential effects on the environment. These technical assessments have informed the proposed conditions which will be proffered with the substantive application.

OceanaGold will continue to actively engage with relevant administering agencies, consent authorities, Kā Rūnaka, other stakeholders and members of the community as the project progresses.

In accordance with section 30(3) of the FTAA, it is requested that the Otago Regional Council confirms by written notice to OceanaGold that there are no existing resource consents to which sections 124C(1)(c) or 165ZI of the Resource Management Act 1991 ("**the RMA**") would apply if approval for MP4 was to be applied for as a resource consent application under the RMA.

If the Council have any questions or matters it would like to discuss in relation to the application for MP4 under the FTAA, please let us know.

Yours sincerely



SVP NZ Legal and Public Affairs
Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited

Our Reference: RM26.052

27 August 2026

Via email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited – Macraes Phase Four Project – Fast-track Approvals Act Application

Section 30(3)(b) Notice under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA)

Thank you for your letter dated 18 August 2026, providing notice under section 30(2) of the FTAA that Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited (the applicant) will be seeking approvals described in section 42(4)(a) of the FTAA for the Macraes Phase Four Project.

From the information provided to date, we understand that the application will apply to the site at OceanaGold – Macraes Operation, Golden Point Road, RD3, Macraes Flat 9483, East Otago, and to land legally described as:

- Section 1-2 Survey Office Plan 23828 and Section 6-7, 14 Block II Highlay Survey District and Section 12, 16, 19 Survey Office Plan 331188;
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- Lot 1-2 Deposited Plan 465577 and Part Section 2 Block VII Highlay Survey District;
- Part Section 2 Block V Highlay Survey District;
- Lot 1-2 Deposited Plan 465577 and Part Section 2 Block VII Highlay Survey District;
- Lot 2-3 Deposited Plan 22380 and Section 13, 18 Block IX Highlay Survey District and Part Section 19 Block IX Highlay Survey District and Section 29, 13, 24 Survey Office Plan 459659;
- Part Section 7 Block VIII Dunback Survey District and Section 8 Block VIII Dunback Survey District;
- Section 23, 37-44 Block II Highlay Survey District and Part Section 25 Block II Highlay Survey District and Section 5-6 Survey Office Plan 429137;
- Part Section 7 Block VIII Dunback Survey District and Section 8 Block VIII Dunback Survey District;
- Lot 1, Lot 2, Lot 3, Lot 4 and Lot 5 Deposited Plan 21738

In accordance with section 30(3)(b) of the FTAA, we advise that there are no existing resource consents to which section 124C(1)(c) or 165ZI of the Resource Management Act 1991 would apply if the approvals were to be applied for as a resource consent under that Act on the areas listed above.

In reaching this position, the Council has relied on the following information provided by the applicant:

- MP4 Substantive Application Part A.06, Project Description, draft version, provided on 19 August 2026;
- MP4 Substantive Application Part A.07, Approvals Sought, draft version, provided on 19 August;
- MP4 Substantive Application Part I, Assessment of RMA Approvals Required, draft version, provided on 19 August 2026;
- Coal Creek Dam Water Take – Policy 6.4.9(b) Assessment, provided on 25 August 2026.

Council notes that the surface water resource within the Taieri River Catchment, in which some of the project activities will occur, is fully allocated in terms of primary allocation, and applying to take that water is a prohibited activity under the Regional Plan: Water for Otago (RPW). Furthermore, any consent granted to take and use surface water as primary allocation from this catchment could not be fully exercised until the expiry of existing resource consents that utilise the surface water resource. However, the applicant has demonstrated that, within this catchment, its proposal will involve the take and use of surface water in such a manner that primary allocation is not required. Specifically, water is proposed to be taken as follows:

- The abstraction of groundwater and rainwater that accumulates in open pit sumps and pit lakes, which is water that is not subject to any surface water allocation limits; and
- The abstraction of water that would be impounded by the proposed Coal Creek Dam as supplementary allocation on an alternative basis, as provided for by RPW Policy 6.4.9(b).

Hence, if the consents sought were to be granted, they could be fully exercised without reliance on the expiration of any existing water permit.

If you have any further queries, please contact me on 0800 474 082 or by emailing consents.fasttrack@orc.govt.nz

Yours sincerely,



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