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FTAA-2507-1080

Hon Matthew Muir KC
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Dear Matthew,

Thank you for the invitation to comment on Matakanui Gold Limited's Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA) substantive application, the Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project (FTAA-2507-1080). I am responding in my capacity as Minister for Infrastructure.

Infrastructure is important for growth and prosperity. Our view is our planning system has not been enabling of growth, hence the establishment of the FTAA.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my broad support for projects which deliver positive outcomes for New Zealand, including the Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project. Please take this letter of support as a reflection of the Government's economic growth and infrastructure priorities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Bishop'.

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister for Infrastructure