

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Bendigo-Ophir Gold project

NOTICE OF HEARING – 28 APRIL 2026

Hearing of Kā Rūnaka

Notice of Hearing

1. At the direction of the Panel the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) gives notice under section 57(3) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 that the Panel will conduct a hearing on Matakanui Gold Limited's application for the Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project.
2. The application relates to establish and operate an open pit and underground gold mine on Bendigo and Ardgour Stations in Central Otago with project completion and remediation expected in 2065 (depending on further successful exploration and technical studies).
3. The hearing will be held on 28 April 2026, commencing at 12:00 pm at Ōtākou Marae, 25 Tamatea Road, Portobello, Ōtākou 9077. The hearing will continue until completed or until 5:00 pm, or as otherwise directed by the Panel.
4. The Panel has determined that this hearing is limited to hearing from Kā Rūnaka only.
5. The hearing will be livestreamed for public observation only. Members of the public may observe the hearing but may not appear, be heard, or participate.
6. Kā Rūnaka may appear and be heard at the hearing, may be represented, and may call evidence in relation to the substantive application or the matters for which the hearing is being held.
7. Kā Rūnaka must advise the EPA within 3 working days of the date of this notice whether they will attend the hearing.
8. A Hearing Schedule will be prepared for those who confirm attendance. Due to the nature of presentations and questioning, indicative times are subject to change and specific time slots cannot be guaranteed.
9. The Hearing Schedule will be made available on the Fast-track website.
10. The hearing will be conducted according to the April Hearings Procedures, which can be found on the Fast-track website here: <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/bendigoophir-gold-project/conferences,-workshops-and-hearings>.

11. Should you have any questions regarding the hearing, please contact the Application Lead, by email at bendigoftaa@fasttrack.govt.nz

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20 April 2026