

Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project [FTAA-2507-1089]

Heritage Hearing Schedule of Attendees

Date:	Wednesday 10 June 2026
Venue:	Monarch Room, Willeston Conference Centre, 11–15 Willeston Street, Wellington Central (6011)
Sitting times:	9:30am – 5:30pm, as required Scheduled breaks will be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:15am (15 minutes) • 1:00pm (1 hour lunch) • 3:45pm (15 minutes)
Livestream:	https://vimeo.com/event/5977448/embed/a5a3b68385

Expert Attendees and Representative Organisations

Experts	Organisation Representation	Access	Counsel
Dr Naomi Woods (NW)	Applicant	In person	Joshua Leckie, Mia Turner; <i>leave sought for cross-examination on various topics</i>
Emma Clifford (EC)	Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga	In person	Mel Russell
Matt Sole (MSE) (Sustainable Tarras) (with Sally Gepp KC as counsel)	Sustainable Tarras <i>*Cross Examination sought</i>	Remote	Sally Gepp KC; <i>leave sought for cross-examination on various topics</i>
Dr Matt Schmidt (MST)	Department of Conservation	In person	Pene Williams; <i>leave sought for cross-examination on various topics</i>
Dr Chris Jennings	Central Otago District Council	In person	

Persons participating by remote access will receive a zoom link.

At the direction of the Panel, the concurrent hearings will proceed according to the following basic programme.

1. The Panel Chair will introduce each Joint Witness Statement (JWS) topic where significant differences in expert opinion are noted.
2. Each expert, commencing with that/those of the Applicant, will be given an opportunity to briefly summarise their position and reasons (expected duration 3 minutes or less)
3. Provided the opportunity is not abused and a high degree of professionalism is maintained, opposing experts may make focused comments or pose focused questions at the conclusion of presentations. The Panel Chair will ensure that the process is tightly controlled. Simple repetition of opposing views as recorded in the JWSs is to be avoided but, to the extent a dynamic exchange might assist the Panel in its ultimate decision making, it will be permitted.
4. The Panel will then question such experts on such matters as it sees fit. If the Panel Chair considers it appropriate to allow comment on the same topic by other experts, he will provide that opportunity.
5. Provided the topic is one that has been prior identified as the subject of potential cross examination, if Counsel assesses those additional questions, beyond those of the Panel are appropriate, Counsel can renew their application for leave to cross examine and, if leave is granted, proceed to do so.
6. The Panel Chair will retain an overall discretion to seek input from any other witness in relation to any matter emerging from the cross examination.
7. When all topics have been exhausted the Panel will have the opportunity to ask any final questions of any witness or Counsel it sees fit.
8. Because of time constraints, the Panel Chair will retain overall discretion to amend/ adapt this basic programme to ensure that the matters of most interest to the Panel are adequately traversed within the day allocated. Necessarily, concurrent hearings require some element of adaptability and flexibility which the Panel expressly reserves.