
MINUTE 2 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Post Project Overview Conference
Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project
[FTAA-2507-1089]
[6 March 2026]

[1] This Minute relates to the Project Overview Conference undertaken remotely, with the Applicant and the Panel, by Teams on 26 February 2026 at 11.00am.

[2] As indicated in Minute 1 of the Panel (dated 25 February 2026), the purpose of the Conference was to provide an early high-level introduction to the application by the applicant and selected advisors. The Panel's assessment was that this should occur before the issue of invitations to comment under S53 of the FTAA on the basis it may inform that process.

[3] Because the Panel Members were still in the early stages of familiarising themselves with the extensive application (which exceeds 9,000 pages), the Conference was not intended as an opportunity to examine the material in detail. Nor, given the Conference's limited introductory purpose, did the Panel consider it necessary to invite participants beyond the Applicant and selected advisors. However, to support transparency and ensure that potential submitters have access to all information available to the Panel, the Panel determined that the Conference should be recorded and publicly released.

[4] Arrangements have now been made accordingly and the recording can now accessed on the Fast-track website:

<https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/bendigooahir-gold->

[project/conferences,-workshops-and-hearings.](#)

[5] The Panel also sought an early site visit to support its familiarisation with the physical context of the Project and its surrounding environment. Arrangements were accordingly made, and the Panel undertook a site visit on 4–5 March 2026. Further information on the specific locations viewed during the visit will be made available shortly.

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Hon Matthew Muir KC

Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project Expert Panel Chair