

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

Ecology Hearing Schedule of Attendees

Date:	Friday 12 June 2026
Venue:	Monarch Room, Willeston Conference Centre, 11–15 Willeston Street, Wellington Central (6011)
Sitting times:	9:00am – 6:00pm , as required Scheduled breaks will be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:30am (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
Matt Baber David Norton Jeroen Lurling Keith Barber Graham Ussher Zac Milner Robyn Simcock	Applicant	in person in person in person in person in person remote	Joshua Leckie, Mia Turner; <i>seeking leave for cross-examination on various topics</i>
Warren Chinn Rogan Colbourne Max Crowe Dr Justyna Giejsztowt	Department of Conservation	in person remote in person in person	Dean van Mierlo
Rebecca Teele Trudy Anderson Lisa Milliken	Otago Regional Council	in person in person remote	David Randal; <i>leave sought for cross-examination on various topics</i>
Geoff Rogers	Sustainable Tarras	remote	Sally Gepp KC; <i>leave sought for cross-examination on various topics</i>

Mike Harding	Central Otago District Council	in person	
Nicolas Head	Environmental Defence Society	in person	Rob Enright & Jen Vella; <i>leave sought for cross-examination on various topics</i>
Matt Dale	Kā Rūnaka	remote	Nicole Buxeda & Mike Holm (remote)

Persons participating by remote access will receive a zoom link.

Programme for the day

Invertebrates:	9:00am – 10:00am
Lizards:	10:00am – 11:30am
Avifauna:	11:45am – 1:00pm
Terrestrial Vegetation:	1:30pm – 3:00pm
Effects Management:	3:00pm – no later than 6:00pm

The day will be organised around five ecology topics, with the timetable above providing the intended order and approximate allocation of time for each topic. The Panel may move through the invertebrate and avifauna topics more quickly than scheduled if the issues can be addressed in a shorter period.

For each topic, only those experts who participated in the relevant expert conferencing are to be empaneled. Experts who were not directly involved in the topic being considered may remain in the gallery area and observe any part of the hearing.

Consistent with the approach used successfully over the previous two sitting days, each topic will begin with the identification of the key issues on the whiteboard. The Panel will then work through those issues in turn. For each issue, the relevant experts will first provide brief statements, after which the Panel may ask questions and cross-examination may occur where permitted. The process is intended to allow for dynamic exchanges between the Panel, experts and counsel as the issues are worked through.