

OCEANAGOLD (NEW ZEALAND)
LIMITED

MACRAES PHASE FOUR (MP4)

Ecology

Evidence of Craig Wilson Regarding
Technical Assessment of Ecological
Effects and Proposed Conditions

INTRODUCTION

1. My name is Craig Wilson
2. My role in relation to Macraes Phase 4 (“**MP4**”) has been to provide expert advice in relation to the Vegetation and Wetland Values Assessment (“**the Report**”) which is provided within *Part B – Technical Reports* of the application.
3. This evidence has been prepared to accompany the Report and the application by Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited (“**OGNZL**”) for approvals required for MP4 under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (“**FTAA**”).
4. Section 4.1(h) of the FTAA Panel Conveners’ Practice and Procedure note (July 2025) says all technical experts authoring reports should include a statement regarding compliance with the Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses. This evidence has been prepared to fulfil this requirement, and if a hearing is not held, this evidence confirms that, relative to my area of expertise the Report provides an appropriate description of the relevant environment, the proposed activities comprising the effects of the MP4 on that environment, and the way those effects are proposed to be managed.
5. My findings are set out in full in the Vegetation and Wetland Values Assessment included within *Part B – Technical Reports* of the application.
6. While this application is not being considered by the Environment Court, I confirm that I have read the Code of Conduct for expert witnesses contained in the Environment Court of New Zealand Practice Note 2023 and that I have complied with it when preparing the Report. Other than when I state I am relying on the advice of another person, the Report is within my area of expertise. I have not omitted to consider material facts known to me that might alter or detract from the opinions that I express.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

7. I have an MSc in Ecology from the University of Otago.
8. I am currently employed as a Senior Ecologist and have held that position since 2023. In this role I have been extensively involved in the implementation of existing consent requirements for OGNZ at Macraes and led the field programme that informed the vegetation values and mitigation reports for MP4.

9. My previous work experience includes 16 years of Ranger, Senior Ranger, and Supervisor roles at the Department of Conservation, and ecological consultancy roles specialising in biodiversity monitoring and management in New Zealand and England.
10. In providing this evidence, I have considered the following matters as relevant to that topic:
 - (a) The project description provided by OGNZL as set out in Section 6 of the Substantive Application prepared by Mitchell Daysh Limited;
 - (b) The description of the existing environment as set out in Section 4 of the Substantive Application, the effects of MP4 on that environment and their significance, and the proposals to manage those effects as all set out in the assessment of effects in Section 9 of the Substantive Application; and;
 - (c) The technical assessments of:
 - a. Invertebrate Values Assessment, Mr. Dylan van Winkel
 - b. Lizard Values Assessment, Mr. Dylan van Winkel
 - c. Avifauna Values Assessment, Dr. Michael Anderson
 - d. Bat Values Assessment, Ms. Alisha Hart
 - e. Vegetation and Flora Management Plan, Ms. Bella Burgess
 - f. Terrestrial Residual Effects Restoration Plan, Ms. Charlotte Garrett

CONFIRMATION OF CONTENTS OF REPORT AND PROPOSED CONDITIONS

11. I confirm that in my opinion the Report contains an accurate and appropriate description of the environment within my area of expertise.
12. I confirm that in my opinion the contents of the Report may be relied on in making a decision on the approvals sought for MP4,

Craig Wilson



Dated this 2nd day of September 2026