

OCEANAGOLD (NEW ZEALAND)  
LIMITED

**MACRAES PHASE FOUR (MP4)**

Archaeology

Evidence of Dr Christopher Gregg  
Jennings Regarding Technical  
Assessment of Archaeological Effects  
and Proposed Conditions

## INTRODUCTION

1. My name is Christopher Gregg Jennings
2. My role in relation to Macraes Phase 4 (“**MP4**”) has been to provide expert advice in relation to archaeology. I contributed to, and reviewed the Heritage Assessment and Archaeological (“**the Reports**”) which are 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 Reports provide 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 *Heritage Assessment* and *Archaeological 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.

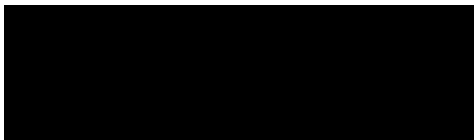
## QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

7. I have a BA(Hons) and MA in Anthropology from the University of Otago and a PhD from the University of Queensland. I am a member and the Immediate Past President of the New Zealand Archaeological Association. My area of expertise is archaeology with experience in both early Māori settlement and colonial European projects.
8. I am currently employed as a Senior Archaeologist at Origin Heritage and have held that position since 2025.

9. My previous work experience includes archaeological projects in New Zealand, Australia and Papua New Guinea. In New Zealand I have been involved in various research investigations, and consultancy projects. My experience in early Māori archaeology includes MA and PhD research focusing on early Māori settlement, mobility, resource acquisition and stone tool production. I have worked on numerous research excavations of early Māori archaeological sites in the South Island. In terms of consulting experience, my work has largely consisted of projects related to 19<sup>th</sup> century gold mining sites in Otago.
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; and
  - (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.

## **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, the actual and potential effects of MP4, and the recommended actions to manage those effects 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, and confirm that provided effects within my area of expertise are managed as proposed in the application those effects will not be unacceptable and will be managed to a standard that I consider meets good practice.
13. I confirm that I have reviewed the conditions that OGNZL proposes for the various approvals being sought as they relate to my area of expertise. I confirm that in my opinion those proposed conditions are appropriate.



**Dr Christopher Gregg Jennings**

Dated this 2 day of September 2026