

# Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

## Bendigo-Ophir Gold project

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### NOTICE OF HEARING

#### Concurrent Expert Witness Hearings

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1. At the direction of the Panel, the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) gives notice under section 57(3) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 that the Panel will conduct a series of hearings on the Matakanui Gold Limited's substantive application for the Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project.
2. The hearing will commence on the dates as below:

i.	Landscape	9 June 2026	9:30am
ii.	Heritage	10 June 2026	9:30am
iii.	Ecology	12 June 2026	9:30am
iv.	Water	15 June 2026	9:30am
v.	Geotech	16 June 2026	9:30am
vi.	Economics	17 June 2026	9:30am
vii.	Planning	18 June 2026	9:30am

All hearings will be held at the Monarch Conference room at Willeston Conference Centre, 11/15 Willeston Street, Wellington Central, Wellington 6011. The hearing will continue until it is completed or by 5:30pm, or as otherwise directed by the Panel.

3. Invited parties may appear and be heard at the hearing, may be represented, and may call evidence in relation to the substantive application or the matters for which the hearing is being held. Invited parties must advise the EPA ([bendigoftaa@fasttrack.govt.nz](mailto:bendigoftaa@fasttrack.govt.nz)) by **Thursday 4 June 2026** whether they will attend the hearing. The expectation of the Panel is that all experts who participated in the production of Joint Witness Statements in respect of each of the topics identified in [2] above will attend in person or remotely.
4. If an invited party advises that they will attend but does not appear, the Panel may proceed with the hearing.

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5. The hearing will be conducted according to the April Hearings Procedures which can be found on the Fast-track website here: <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/bendigoophir-gold-project/conferences,-workshops-and-hearings>.

### **Hearing schedule**

1. A Hearing Schedule will be prepared for those who confirm their attendance. Due to the nature of presentations and questioning, indicative times are subject to change and specific time slots cannot be guaranteed.
2. The Hearing Schedule will be made available on the Fast-track Website at the link above.
3. Further information about the Bendigo-Ophir Gold project will continue to be posted and updated on the Fast-track website: <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/bendigoophir-gold-project>.
4. If you have any questions regarding the hearing, please contact the Application Lead, by email at [bendigoftaa@fasttrack.govt.nz](mailto:bendigoftaa@fasttrack.govt.nz).



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