

BEFORE THE EXPERT PANEL

IN THE MATTER	of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA)
AND	
IN THE MATTER	of an application for approvals under the FTAA for the Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project FTAA-2507-1089

**MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENCE SOCIETY INC (IN
RELATION TO NOTICE OF HEARING COMMENCING 9 JUNE 2026)**

4 June 2026

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Introduction

1. This memorandum is filed by the Environmental Defence Society Inc. (EDS) in response to the Notice of Hearing dated 29 May 2026, advising hearing dates of 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, and 18 June for the Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project.
2. The Notice of Hearing, and Hearing Procedures, require invited parties to advise the Environmental Protection Authority of their availability to appear, the number of people attending and their names and titles.

Attendance and availability

3. Counsel for EDS, Rob Enright and Jen Vella, will appear in-person for EDS at the hearing on 9 June, 12 June, 15 June, and 17 June 2026.
4. EDS' expert witnesses will attend the hearing day relevant to their topic of expertise as follows:

Expert	Area of Expertise	Hearing Day
Elizabeth "Anne" Steven	Landscape	Landscape Hearing 9 June
Nicholas Head	Terrestrial Ecology	Ecology Hearing 12 June
Professor Jennifer Webster-Brown	Geochemistry and Water Quality	Water Hearing 15 June
Dr Leanne Morgan	Groundwater Hydrology	Water Hearing 15 June
Dr William "Bill" Kaye-Blake	Economics	Economics Hearing 17 June

5. EDS' expert witnesses will attend the hearing in-person.

Dated this 4 June 2026