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West Coast Regional Council
Greymouth, West Coast

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Chris Hickford

Department of Conservation

Greymouth office, West Coast

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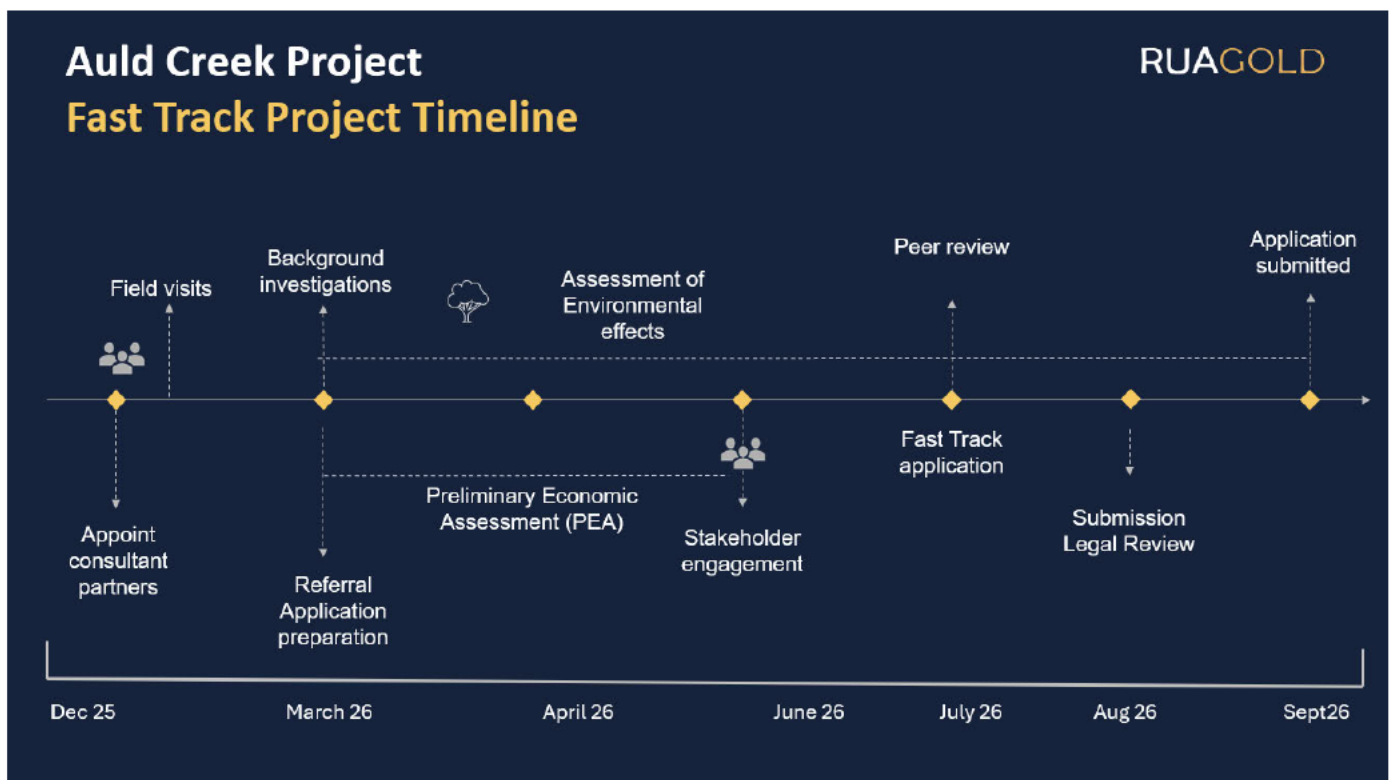
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Weekly meeting with Mitchell Daysh

- Weekly every Friday at 1130am NZ
- Teams Meeting ID: 480 222 577 036 64 / Passcode: oR3KD3nq

March 2026

Francois Tumahai

Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae

West Coast

Dear Francois,

RE: Rua Gold – Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 – Auld Creek Project Referral Application

Following our previous discussions, this letter serves to confirm and notify the Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae that Rua Gold intends to apply for its Auld Creek Project to be considered under the Fast-Track Approvals Act 2024 (“**FTAA**”) and, through the Fast-Track Approvals Amendment Act 2025, its amendments. In accordance with section 11(1)(a) of the FTAA, Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae is required to be consulted with.

The application will seek approval for mining and mining related activities and associated infrastructure in the Reefton area, including (but not restricted to):

- > Mineral resource investigation and exploration progression;
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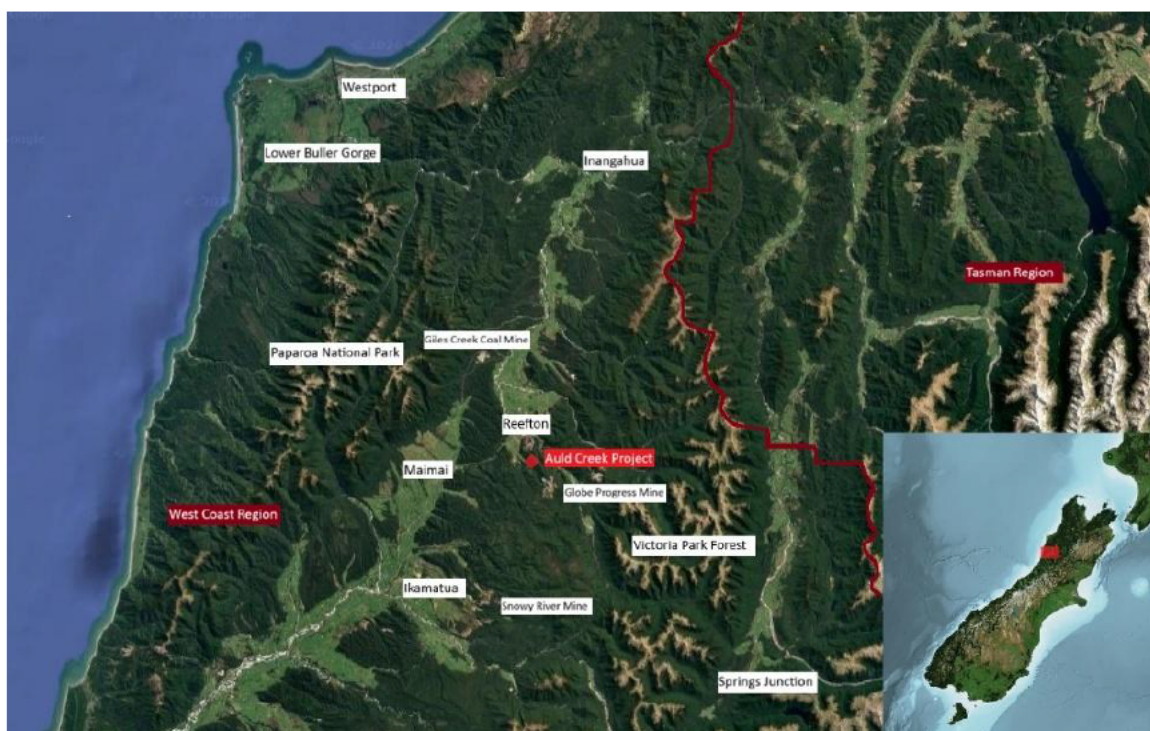


Figure 1: Wider Project Site Location

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Rua Gold has appreciated the opportunity to engage with you commencing in November 2025 and site visits in early 2026 along with more recent engagements your environmental team based in Reefton, to discuss this project and seek initial feedback, which we have incorporated into our ongoing technical assessments. We will continue to provide regular updates on our progress throughout our further exploration activity, and the consent process should our fast-track referral application be successful.

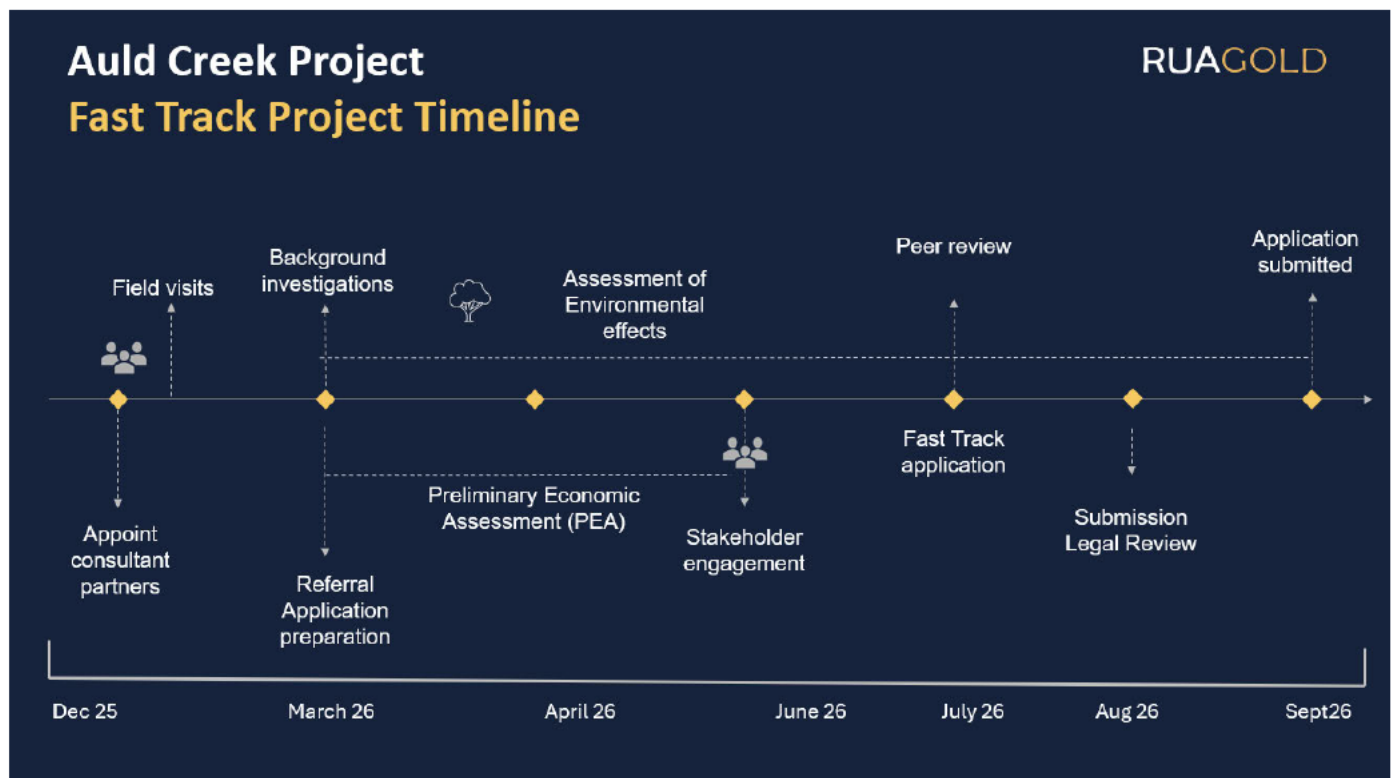
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Director-General of Conservation
18 Manners Street, Wellington.

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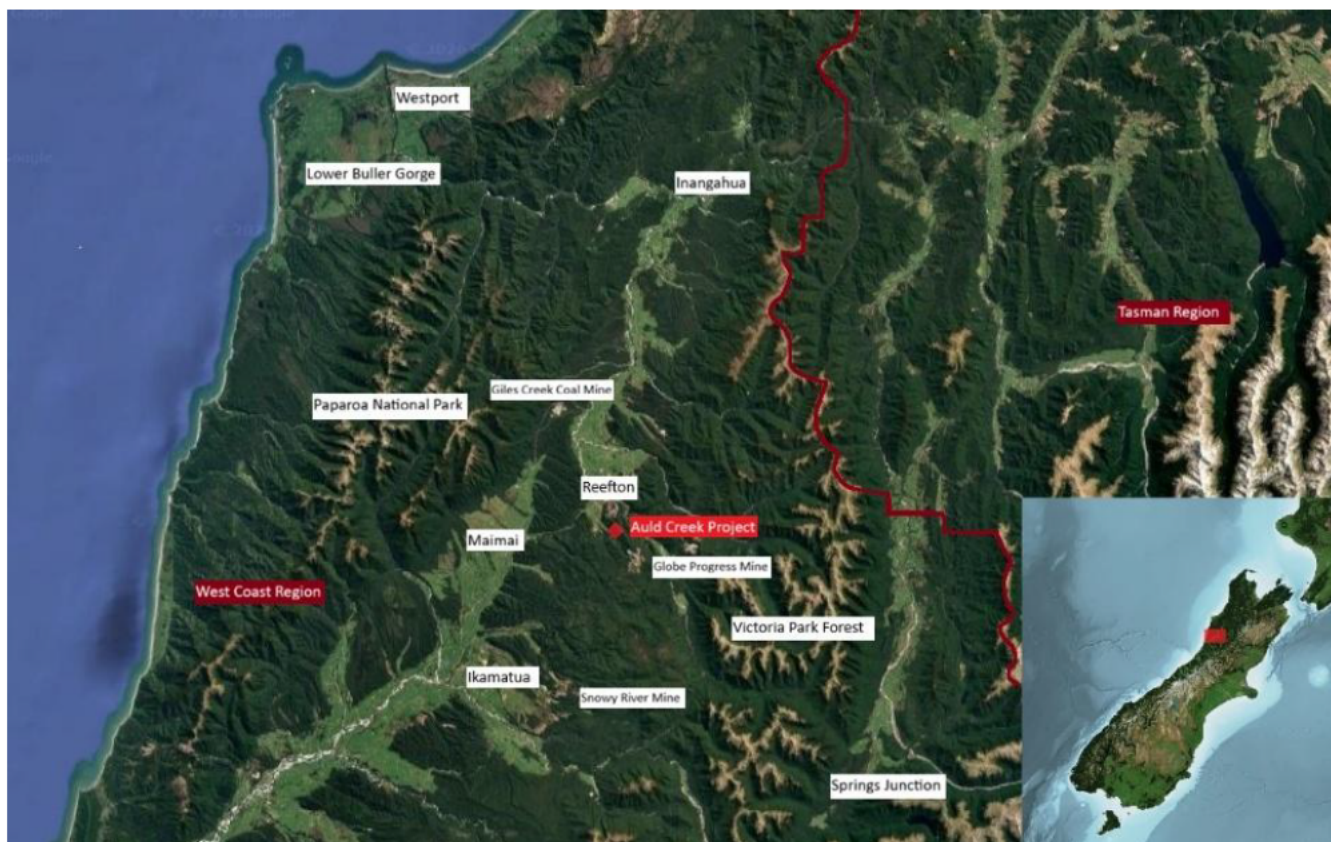


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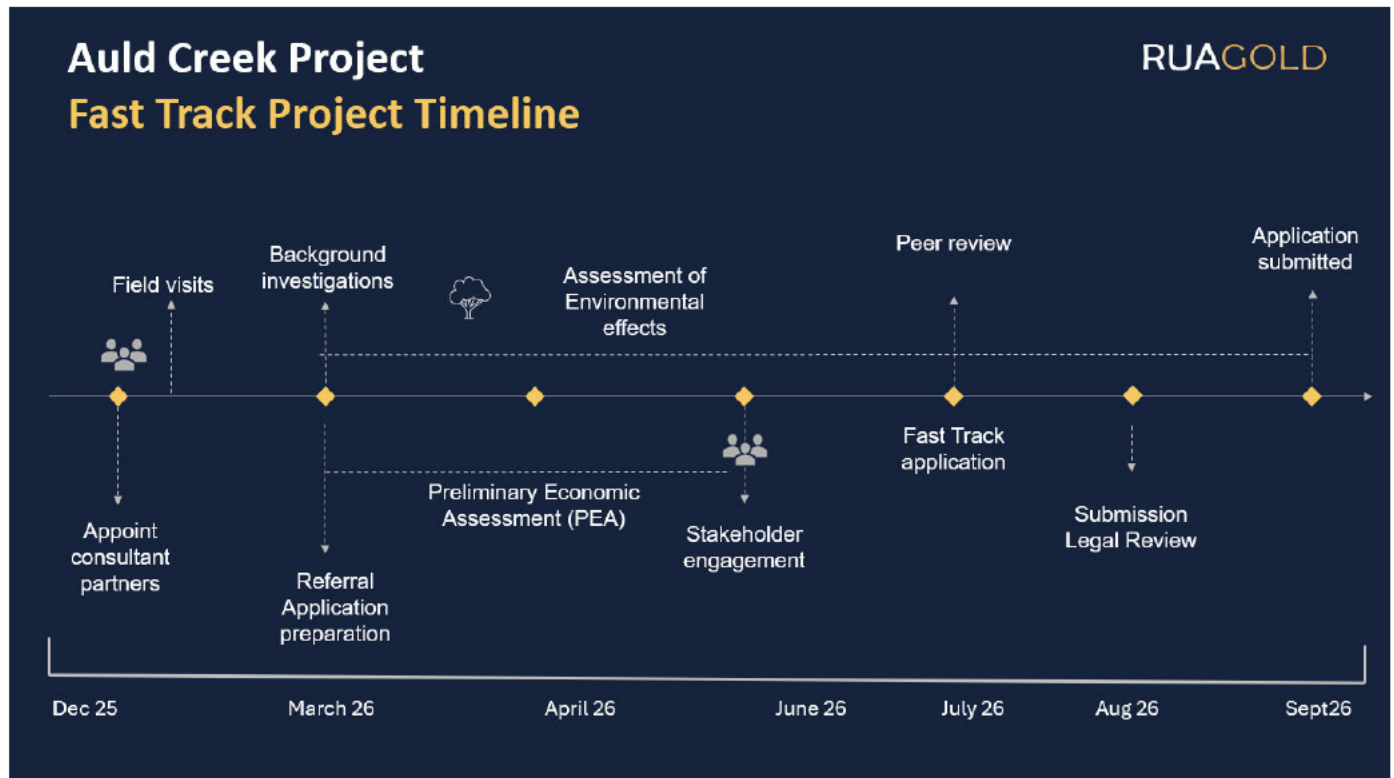
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Ministry of the Environment

AdminAgencyFTAA@mfe.govt.nz

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John Ewen

Specialist Inspector Mining

High Hazards Unit Extractives

WorkSafe New Zealand

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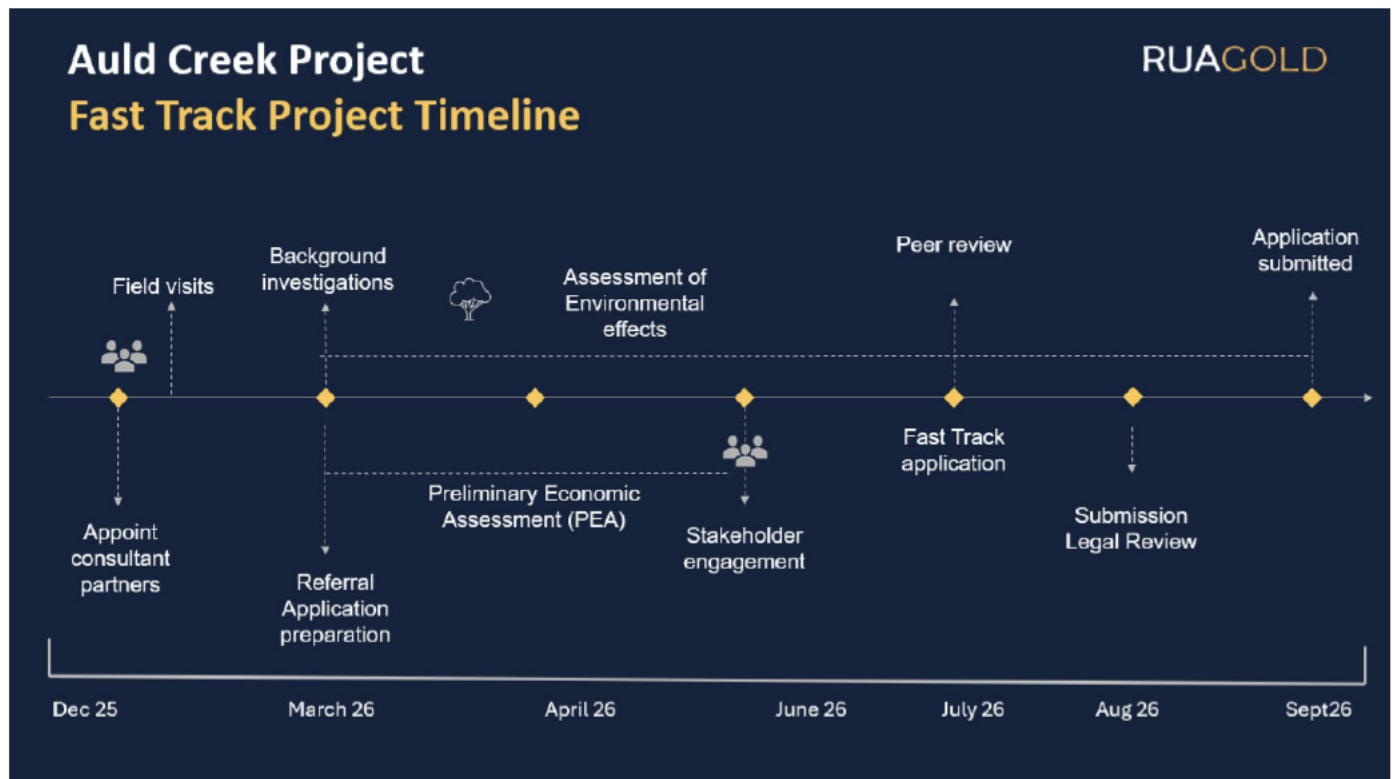
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