

## **Before an Expert Consenting Panel**

**Under the**

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

**And**

**In the Matter of**

an application for approvals by  
Matakanui Gold Limited to establish,  
operate, rehabilitate and ultimately  
close an open pit and underground  
gold mining operation known as the  
Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project

# **Memorandum of Counsel on behalf of Matakanui Gold Limited requesting resumption of processing**

Dated: 15 September 2026

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## **MAY IT PLEASE THE EXPERT PANEL**

1. This Memorandum of Counsel is filed on behalf of Matakanui Gold Limited (**Matakanui Gold**).
2. In the Memorandum of Counsel dated 24 August 2026 Matakanui Gold sought that processing of the substantive application be resumed pursuant to Section 65(1) on 14 September 2026.<sup>1</sup> In Minute 47 the Expert Panel set out timetabling premised on processing resuming on 14 September.<sup>2</sup>
3. For clarity, and noting the Panel's invitation for formal notice of the resumption of processing in Minute 47, Matakanui Gold confirms that the requested date for processing to resume pursuant to Section 65(2) is 14 September 2026.

**Dated** 15 September 2026



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<sup>1</sup> Memorandum of Counsel on behalf of Matakanui Gold, 24 August 2026 at [18].

<sup>2</sup> Minute 47, 25 August 2026 at [6].