
MINUTE 38 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Suspension
Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project
[FTAA-2507-1089]
[25 June 2026]

[1] The Panel acknowledges receipt of the Applicant's Memorandum dated 25 June 2026 requesting that it suspend processing of the application from 26 June 2026.

[2] Under s64(4) of the Act, the Panel may, at its discretion suspend the processing of a consent application when a request is made. Where the Panel does grant a suspension, it must give written notice of the date on which processing was suspended to any of the parties specified under s 64(a) to (d) of the Act.

[3] The Panel has considered the memorandum from the applicant and decided to grant the request. Processing of the Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project application will therefore be suspended from 11:59pm on 26 June 2026.

[4] The Panel anticipates that the applicant will file a request to resume processing under section 65(1) of the Act.

[5] The Panel also records that Counsel for the applicant has confirmed the applicant is happy for the Panel to continue considering the application throughout the period that processing is suspended. It encourages the Applicant to keep the EPA apprised of progress in addressing the matters indicated in its memorandum and the Panel's latest RFI with the intention of giving the Panel, the s51 parties and the s53 invitees maximum advance notice of likely resumption date.

[6] Formal notice from the EPA under s64(4) of the Act will follow.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. A. Muir," with a stylized, cursive script.

Hon Matthew Muir KC

Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project Expert Panel Chair