

Otago Regional Council

Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021

(excluding parts determined to be a freshwater planning instrument)

Minute as to Technical Assistance and Oceana Gold's Memorandum

[Minute 11]

1. On 16 March, 2023 Counsel for Oceana Gold Limited filed a Memorandum raising concerns as to the Panel's advice to parties in Minute 10 that it intended if necessary to call on Mr. Peter Constantine to ensure all submission points were addressed. In that Memorandum counsel cautioned that given some aspects of Mr. Constantine's roles in relation to the PORPS that particular care would be needed to provide transparency as to the Panel's deliberation processes.
2. The technical support the Panel intends to use only relates to administrative aspects of its deliberations to ensure all submission points are addressed, and any administrative linkages addressed between the non-freshwater and freshwater aspects of the PORPS. Panel members are well aware of the need to ensure its deliberations are solely conducted internally by the Panel members only.
3. However, to ensure there are no perception issues as to its processes the Panel has arranged that any technical assistance will only be provided by the Hearings Administrator Kate McKinlay, and if needed by Fleur Matthews who is the newly appointed ORC Manager of Policy and Planning. She was only appointed to that role 13 February, 2023, but was seconded to the role earlier on 17 October, 2022.

Dated 30 March 2023

Ron Crosby
Panel Chair