

Memorandum to Hearing Commissioners, Oceana Gold NZ Ltd (OGL) MP4 Applications

Applications 201.2024.2373 to the Waitaki District Council (WDC) and
LUC 2024-126 to the Dunedin City Council (DCC)

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Subject: District/City Council Amendments to OGL Proposed Conditions

1. The Councils have today provided the Commissioners and other parties to the applications their Resource Management Act (RMA) s42A reports on the above applications.
2. Often the report writers would provide draft consent conditions attached to their reports, whether or not they recommend grant or decline of an application.
3. This memorandum is to inform the Commissioners (and other parties) why we have not done so in this instance.
4. The Councils have reviewed the Applicant's proposed consent conditions and worked on amendments the Councils would seek should the Commissioners decide to grant consent . However, we are of the opinion that these conditions remain unsatisfactory for granting of consent, remain a work in progress, and cannot currently be completed due to incomplete information and anticipated changes to the application.
5. In particular, the ecological and offsetting conditions are substantial and are not presently able to be completed because of a lack of detail in the application documents.
6. OGL in meetings have advised that they will be providing information about the results of a moth survey that has been undertaken, changes to the Murphys Ecological Enhancement area and a response to the Cultural Impact Assessment dated 1 May 25.

7. The Councils' ecological peer reviewer Glenn Davis of e3scientific has stated in his evidence:

"I note the IMP (Ecological Impact Management Plan) sets out the framework for the Ecological Enhancement Area Management Plan (EEAMP) and includes all of the elements that I would expect to see in a document that directed the project implementation. I am of the view that for a project of this scale this document should have been part of the consent application package as it will include critical information to assist with the assessment of effects and provide council with confidence that the objective of the offsets can be achieved. I note that I have requested this information from OGL through the s92 process, however this was not provided. Without this information, drafting of consent conditions becomes very important and very difficult to ensure the project commitments and performance objectives are captured accurately and monitored effectively over the life of the project which is likely to extend beyond the life of the mine."

8. We can only propose consent conditions for consideration by the Commissioners when we are satisfied that the conditions can fully deal with management of the effects of the proposed activity, and have a sufficient foundation in the evidence presented in support of the application.
9. It is our intention to revisit the consent conditions once the OGL evidence has been received on 23 June 25, and we have more complete information.



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