

Memorandum



To: Shay McDonald | Principal Consent Planner
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From: Nigel Parker | Technical Director, Landscape Architecture
Date: 20 March 2026 SLR Project No. 860.016776.00001

RE: Bendigo Orphir Mining Project - Landscape Architectural Review - Site Visit (11th March 2026)

Dear Shay,

On 11th March, 2026 at the request of ORC I attended a visit to the proposed Bendigo Orphir Gold Mine site and surrounding landscape. The site visit was attended by the applicant, the applicant's Landscape Architect (Rhys Girvan), Representatives of Central Otago District Council (CODC) and CODC's Landscape Architect (Stephen Brown).

The purpose of the site visit was to test the validity of the applicant's landscape assessment and the degree of visual effect assigned to various viewpoints.

This was my second visit to the site and the surrounds. The first was conducted on the 25th November, 2025.

During my first visit I had been able to visit some of the closer representative viewpoints but had not had opportunity to visit all viewpoints further afield. This site visit provided that opportunity.

In my Technical Memorandum dated 1st December, 2025 I noted that I had assumed accuracy of visual effects based on my desktop assessment and incomplete visit to the surrounds. This site visit enabled me to visit further viewpoints and confirm my assumptions.

During this site visit the following viewpoints in the surrounding landscape were visited:

- Thomsons Gorge Road
- Ardgour Rise - In close proximity and further away in Tarras
- Maori Point Road
- State Highway 6
- State Highway 8 and 8A
- Pukekowhai Drive, Queensbury
- Wailana Heights Drive (on public road reserve)

Having now conducted this site visit I can confirm that I agree with the degrees of visual effect assessed by the applicant's landscape architect.

Regards,

SLR New Zealand

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