

Otago Regional Council
DIRECTIONS OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MP4 Resource Consent Applications

- [1] By way of a Memorandum dated 11 September 2025 (attached), counsel for Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited (**OGL**) sought that the Hearing continue to be adjourned to enable to further consideration of the recommendations in the council's Section 42A Reports and ongoing engagement with Kā Rūnaka.
- [2] Counsel undertook to provide a further Memorandum by 13 October 2025 updating their position.
- [3] Counsel also advised that OGL appreciated that under the previous extension granted under section 37 of the RMA to double the section 103A time required for the Hearing to be completed, the Hearing must currently be completed by 2 December 2025.
- [4] The Panel considers that the extended adjournment makes it highly likely that the 2 December 2025 deadline will be difficult to achieve. The Panel invites OGL to address a more realistic timeframe in its 13 October 2025 Memorandum, taking into account section 37A of the RMA.
- [5] Accordingly:
 - a) the Hearing remains postponed until further notice; and
 - b) a further Minute setting out a revised Hearing commencement date and an associated revised timetable for the circulation of evidence and legal submissions will be issued in due course.



Rob van Voorthuysen
On behalf of the commissioners
12 September 2025

BEFORE THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONER HEARINGS PANEL

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)

AND

IN THE MATTER of the MP4 resource consent applications
(RM24.184, WDC 201.2024.2373 and DCC LUC-
2024-126)

MEMORANDUM ON BEHALF OF OCEANA GOLD NEW ZEALAND LIMITED

Dated 11 September 2025

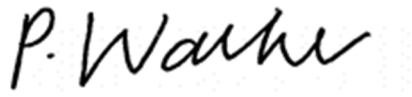
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MAY IT PLEASE THE COMMISSIONERS:

1. This Memorandum is filed on behalf of the applicant, Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited (**OGNZL**).
2. In its Memorandum of 23 June 2025, OGNZL sought directions that the July hearing be adjourned, requested further time to consider the recommendations in the section 42A reports and agreed to doubling the time period by which the hearing must be completed. OGNZL said it would provide a reporting memorandum by 11 September 2025. The Commissioners granted these directions in its third Minute of 23 June.
3. Since this date OGNZL has been considering how best to address the recommendations in the section 42A reports and OGNZL has been assessing a variety of options for moving forward. As part of this process OGNZL has been engaging with Runāka about the issues they have raised, however OGNZL needs further time to work through some of the matters identified by Runāka. These include potential responses to interconnected matters that range outside of the ambit of mitigatory options arising under the Resource Management Act 1991, and raise complicated issues that will take some time to resolve.
4. Accordingly OGNZL requests further time, until 13 October at which point it will provide a further reporting memorandum. OGNZL appreciates that the hearing must be completed by 2 December or else a further extension of the hearing completion date will be required.

Dated this 11th day of September 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Walker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

P Walker

Counsel for Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited