

## Appendix B

<b>Document name</b>	<b>Document date</b>	<b>Summary description</b>	<b>Withholding grounds</b>
Avifauna Values Assessment August 2025	8 August 2025	<p>This document presents a comprehensive avifauna survey throughout the Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project (BOGP). BOGP Ecological Study Area (ESA), which will inform the project's Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE). AEE to be reported separately. It establishes a comprehensive baseline of the avifauna within the ESA.</p> <p>Results demonstrate the area's avifauna and emphasise the importance of thoughtfully addressing potential consequences of planned mining operations. The information contained in the report informs the AEE and will guide the implementation of an effective avifauna management framework at the site. The consideration of potential adverse effects on avifauna values and their management are addressed in the Ecological Effects Assessment prepared by Alliance Ecology Ltd.</p>	9(2)(b)(ii) 9(2)(ba)(i)
Lizard Values Assessment August 2025	6 August 2025	<p>The assessment describes the lizard values within the Direct Disturbance Footprint (DDF) at the project site and the wider Ecological Survey Area (ESA). The report details what species were found within the DDF and ESA and assesses the lizard habitat on site. The report provides detail on desktop assessment, survey results and describes potential and actual</p>	9(2)(b)(ii) 9(2)(ba)(i)

		adverse effects and potential options for management of effects.	
Vegetation Values Assessment August 2025	8 August 2025	This report describes the vegetation values within the DDF, and the Surrounding Landscape of the Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project. We conclude that, while the DDF is heavily modified from its pre-human state, as it has been subject to vegetation clearance and grazing for over 100 years, it contains very high ecological value and ecologically significant vegetation communities, including at least supporting Nationally or Regionally At Risk or Threatened plant species.	9(2)(b)(ii) 9(2)(ba)(i)
Matakanui Bendigo-Ophir recreation assessment Final 12 June 2025.pdf	12 June 2025	Effects assessment on recreation values and opportunities in Rise and Shine and Shepherds Creek catchments and those accessed via Thomson Gorge Rd. This assessment considers the effects of the development and operation of the gold mine on public	9(2)(b)(ii) 9(2)(ba)(i)
working draft Project description_ working draft approvals sought _ working draft rules assessment for RMA approvals	31 August 2025	This document was provided by the applicant to DOC and specifies a concession activity in detail which the applicant has indicated they will be seeking as part of their Fast-track application.	9(2)(b)(ii) 9(2)(ba)(i)
Section 3 - BOGP Working Draft Substantive Application Report - Project Description (29 August 2025) - for DOC	29 August 2025	This is a summary of the proposed project and a description of activities and approvals sought.	9(2)(b)(ii) 9(2)(ba)(i)
Wetland Values Assessment August 2025	August 2025	Report is limited to assessing wetland ecological values & provides summary of potential effects to consider in the Assessment of Environmental Effects (still being prepared).	9(2)(b)(ii) 9(2)(ba)(i)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wetland values – 290 natural inland wetlands identified in ESA</li> <li>• Methods used to investigate wetland extent and type</li> <li>• Ecological context of ESA &amp; wider Dunstan Mts</li> <li>• Classification/description of wetlands</li> <li>• Wetland plant species inventory</li> <li>• Assessment of wetland condition &amp; value/significance</li> </ul>	
Bendigo-Ophir Gold FT - Permissions Pre-App Comments	9 Sept 2025	<p>The document provides early advice on permissions considerations for the proposed project. Key themes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land Status &amp; Permissions: The mine is outside Public Conservation Land (PCL). Some conservation approvals will be required for proposed ancillary works on adjoining PCL where consideration of fees and bonds will be applicable. DOC also notes that effects should be appropriately identified and managed.</li> <li>• Infrastructure Changes: Proposed road realignments and new routes intersect conservation areas. Detail is provided around preferred approach to resolve issues that may arise and potential options for longer term management of these proposals.</li> <li>• Public Access: Loss of existing access is proposed to be mitigated by creating new access including walking/cycling tracks/roads. DOC's view is that the effects of in relation to conservation approvals should directly be assessed and mitigated as appropriate, ensuring adequate consideration of</li> </ul>	9(2)(b)(ii) 9(2)(ba)(i) 9(2)(g)(i)

		<p>conservation values including but not limited to heritage, biodiversity, recreation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy Alignment: Applications should demonstrate consideration of the relevant Conservation Management Strategy (CMS), as required by the FTAA</li> </ul>	
BHV feedback on assessments and application documents Bendigo Ophir Gold Project - Lizards	9 Sept 2025	The feedback reviews a lizard assessment for the Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project. It finds the assessment generally adequate but highlights key gaps: species misidentification, missing location data, and unclear mitigation plans. Overall, DOC's view is that further detail is required to ensure effects and appropriate mitigations are identified.	9(2)(b)(ii) 9(2)(ba)(i) 9(2)(g)(i)
Critique of the Habitat NZ invertebrate report. W. Chinn_	9 Sept 2025	The review provides feedback on an invertebrate assessment for the Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project. It concludes that while the report is extensive, it lacks clarity and ecological context. Key concerns include inconsistent species counts, insufficient background on the area's ecology, and inconsistent presentation of findings and has suggested actions which could be undertaken to remedy these concerns.	9(2)(b)(ii) 9(2)(ba)(i) 9(2)(g)(i)