## Waihi North Project Update: Invitations for Comment on our Application

The Waihi North Project has moved to the next phase of: Not sure if you've been invited to comment? its approval process under the Fast-track legislation.

Invitations have now been sent to selected people or groups for comment on the Waihi North Project. Only the Expert Panel, appointed by the Environmental Protection Authority, can invite comments on the application. As the applicant, we don't have a role in determining who's asked to provide formal comment.

If you've received an invitation to comment on the Waihi North Project, and you need support, there's help available.

We've engaged an independent Friend of the Commenter who can guide you through the process. As a consultant planner, they're not part of OceanaGold and will provide free, neutral support to help you:

- Understand the Fast-track process
- Identify the parts of the Waihi North Project application that are relevant to your circumstances
- Get clarity on technical reports, if needed, to improve understanding
- Prepare a clear, relevant and effective comment.

No need to book, just drop in to the Waihi Memorial Hall Supper Room on Friday 15 August from 10am to 4pm.

Alist of property addresses and parties invited to comment is available on the Fast-track website www.fasttrack. govt.nz/projects/waihi-north/correspondence

## Want to make a comment but didn't get an invite?

Part of the Waihi Community Forum's role is to represent the interests of residents and ratepayers in the wider Waihi area, where mining takes place. The Forum has been invited by the Panel to provide a comment and would like to include your views.

Email them at <u>wcfinformation@gmail.com</u> to share your thoughts.

We're here for a longer conversation, not just the formal process.

OceanaGold is committed to open, discussions and sharing views beyond the formal application process. Your thoughts matter, and we're always keen to listen.

Find out more about the Waihi North Project:

## www.waihinorth.info

Call into our Project Information Office; 86 Seddon Street, Waihi

Our Free Community Engagement Line 0800 924 444 is available 24/7



## Amenity Effects Programme (AEP) Payments

Calculations for the next round of AEP payments for the period 1 January to 30 June 2025 are now being processed.

Letters will be sent out shortly to all enrolled residents advising of the outcome for their property. If your property qualifies and you are not already enrolled in the scheme, we

will deliver a form and instructions to enrol if you wish.

We will require a copy of the bank account details for the receiving account, which also needs to be stamped and signed by your bank. Should you already be enrolled but your bank account details have changed, you will need to bring a verified copy of the changes to the Project Information Office.

If you have any queries on the AEP please pop into our Project Information Office at 86 Seddon Street, Monday to Friday 9:30am -4pm or call 021 190 1078 or 0800 924 444.

