

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE MARTHA MINERAL ZONE

The proposed expansion of the Martha Pit, as part of the Martha Open Pit Project, would first require a change to the District Plan to increase the boundary to include all the land parcels necessary to support the expansion (this is inclusive of areas required for rehabilitation).

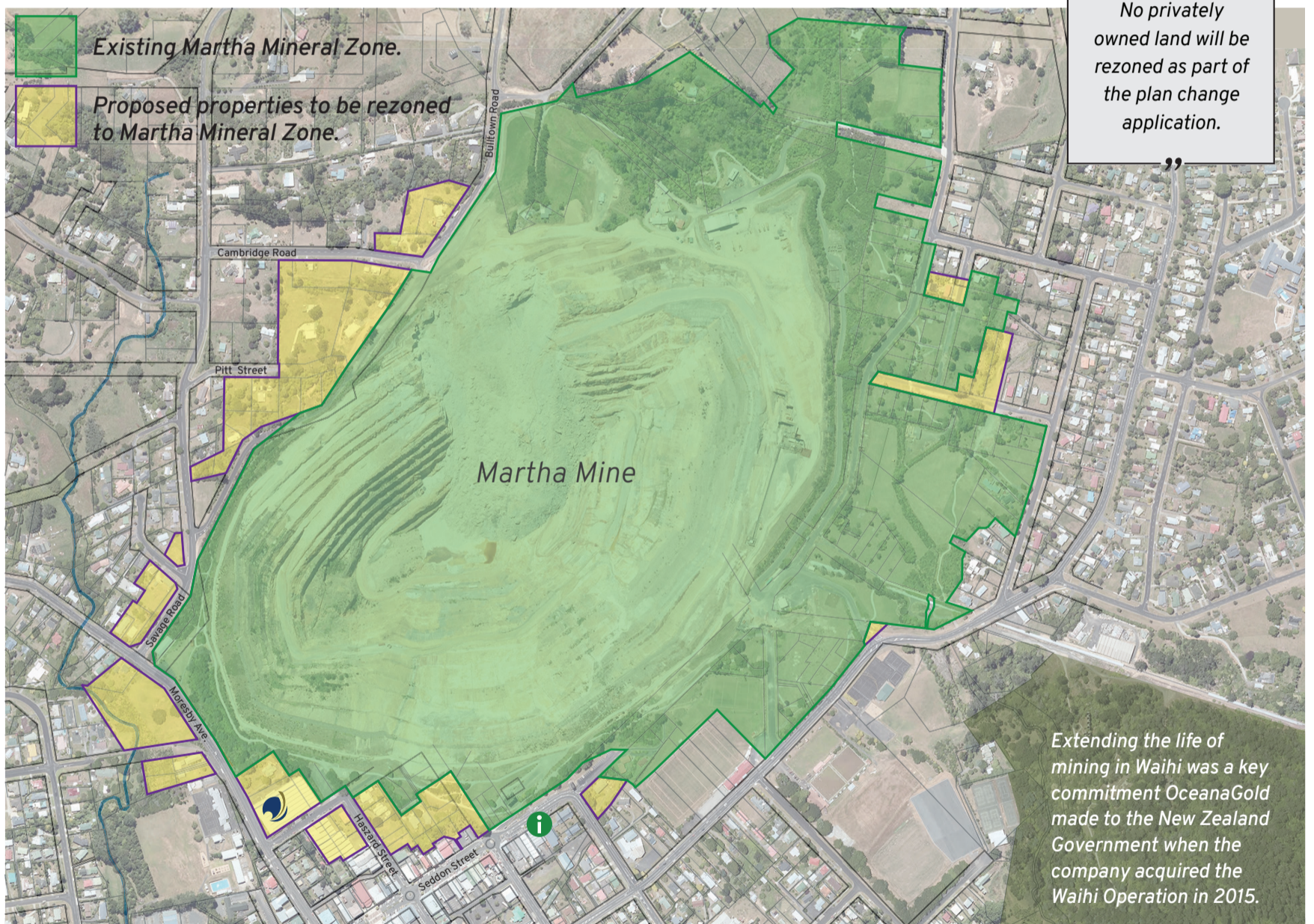
In July 2021, OceanaGold shared details of a proposed change to the Martha Mineral Zone.

In April 2023, a “Request for Information” from the Hauraki District Council (HDC) was lodged by OceanaGold in support of the plan change application.

The HDC has now announced the public notification phase of the proposed change.

The existing Martha Mineral Zone, as defined within the Hauraki District Plan, allows for surface mining within its boundaries (subject to obtaining the necessary resource consents).

As shown in the diagram, the Martha Mineral Zone is proposed to be expanded in the vicinity of Moresby Avenue, Pitt Street, Haszard Street, and Seddon Street.



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No privately owned land will be rezoned as part of the plan change application.
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Extending the life of mining in Waihi was a key commitment OceanaGold made to the New Zealand Government when the company acquired the Waihi Operation in 2015.

A CHANGE TO THE MARTHA MINERAL ZONE DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN MINE

Any mining activity is controlled by the Resource Management Act and resource consents would still need to be sought should the plan change be approved.

Now that HDC have publicly notified the plan change application, anyone (including members

of the public, businesses, community groups, and councils) can make a submission on the plan change application.

The submission period will run from the 15th of February 2024 until the 28th of March 2024.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE SUBMISSIONS PROCESS, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE PLEASE CONTACT HDC via www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/plan-change-6