

The Waihi North Project

# THE RMA CONSENTING PROCESS

## OVERVIEW

Now that we have lodged our application, before any significant works related to the Waihi North Project can commence, OceanaGold must first obtain the necessary resource consents under the Resource Management Act (1991).

## THE CONSENT PROCESS UNDER THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991 (RMA).

The RMA is New Zealand's primary piece of legislation that sets out how we should manage our environment. The RMA is based on the principle of sustainable management, which involves enabling activities that promote the well-being of people and communities, whilst considering how adverse effects of activities can be avoided or managed.

Councils are required to prepare and administer plans which include rules for managing proposed activities on land, air, soil, fresh water, and the coastal marine area.



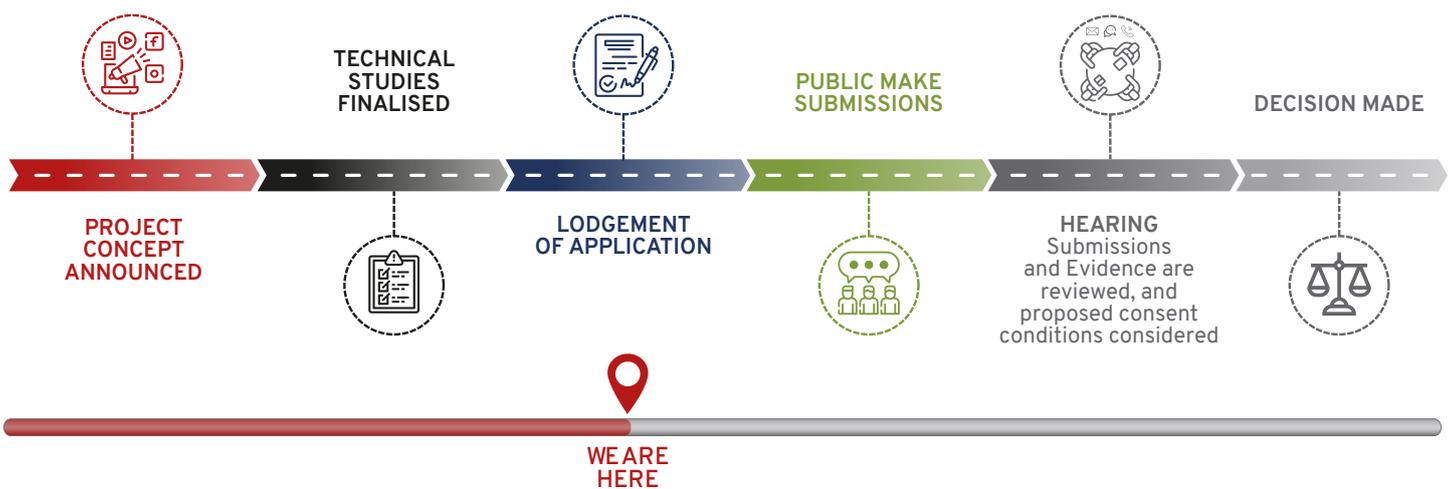


The Waihi North Project involves activities that are regulated by rules in these plans, meaning that a range of resource consents need to be obtained under the RMA. A land use consent will be required from the Hauraki District Council to allow the Waihi North Project to be developed and operated, and from Waikato Regional Council a number of consents are needed with respect to the likely effects of the project on land, air, and water. OceanaGold has commissioned a broad range of investigations and assessments to support these applications. It is also committed to consulting widely with iwi, stakeholders, and the Waihi community as part of these preparations.

The flow diagram below provides a general overview of the resource consent process. As we continue to consult with

iwi, our stakeholders, and the community we will develop a better understanding of the issues and effects that are likely to be of most concern and how we might address these. Your feedback will continue to help inform our ongoing refinement of the Waihi North Project.

Now that we have completed our foundational assessment work and the necessary applications, these have been lodged with the Hauraki District Council and Waikato Regional Council. We expect that the councils will notify our applications in due course, which means that anybody who is interested will be able to lodge a submission, either in support of or in opposition to the application. If you wish, you will be able to be heard in support of your submission at a hearing especially convened to enable this.



SOURCE: [www.environment.govt.nz/acts-and-regulations/acts/resource-management-act-1991](http://www.environment.govt.nz/acts-and-regulations/acts/resource-management-act-1991)

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IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA, CONCERN OR QUESTION, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

You can contact us via our website; [waihorth.info](http://waihorth.info) or visit our Project Information Office; **86 Seddon Street, Waihi.**

Our Free Community Engagement Line **0800 924 444** is available 7 days.