BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED ON BEHALF OF CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL

Under	The Resource Management Act 1991 (the **Act**)
In the Matter	of an application for Resource Consent for the purpose of mining at Sandy Point, Queensbury, RC250077
Between	**AWA KOURA MINING LIMITED** **Applicant**
And	**CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL** **Territorial Authority**

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE – MIKE MOORE

DATED 28 OCTOBER 2026

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1. My name is Michael William Moore. I am a landscape architect based in Dunedin.

2. The site is not within areas mapped in the CODP as outstanding natural landscapes or significant amenity landscapes, but the values outlined in the CODP for rural zoned areas are applicable. The landscape has rural character and amenity values based on rural land use, modest impact of built form and openness, and legibility of natural landforms. Recent and on-going subdivision and associated domestication are modifying these values to an extent.

3. Features of the proposed activity that will mitigate adverse landscape and visual effects include buffer zones adjacent to Clutha River / Mata Au and areas of kanuka, control over the size of the actively worked area, immediate landform and pasture remediation, and controls over temporary structures. The maximum 3-year timeframe for the works also limits the degree of adverse effects temporally. Whilst the activity overall is likely to have a duration of three years, the effects in any one part of the site are much less.

4. I have carried out assessments of the visual effects of the proposed mining on landscape values as experienced from the properties of all the submitters within close – medium proximity to the site. The proposed mining activity will move around, zigzagging to be closer or further away from the viewpoints at it progresses from south – north through the site. This means that the effects will vary in degree from the affected viewpoints over the period of the mining operation due to variable proximity and degree of screening.

5. It is acknowledged that there will be adverse visual effects experienced from some of the submitter's properties. The properties I consider most impacted are those in closest proximity and within which, the site forms

an important component of the overall outlook. These include 63, 67,79 and 85 River Ridge Road, 738 Luggate Tarras Road, 71 Pukerangi Drive, and 3204 Luggate Cromwell Road. More than minor adverse effects are assessed lasting between 6 and 24 months from these properties. There will be minor adverse visual effects from 110 Pukerangi Drive and potentially, 178 Fay Lane and no visual effects from 54 River Ridge Road; the Kane property, 459 Luggate Tarras Road, 26 Pukerangi Drive and 83b Poison Creek Road.

6. Overall, I conclude that:

(a) Adverse effects on the natural character of the Clutha River / Mata-Au and its margins are avoided and that any adverse effects on Outstanding Natural Feature (ONF) values associated with the river will be low.

(b) Adverse physical effects on the site landscape values will be moderate during mining operations and very low following final rehabilitation.

(c) Adverse visual effects on landscape values from public places surrounding will be no greater than moderate during mining operations and very low following final rehabilitation.

(d) Adverse visual effects on landscape values from submitters properties will be no greater than moderate-high during mining operations and very low following final rehabilitation.

Dated 28 October 2026

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