

LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL EFFECTS ASSESSMENT - PEER REVIEW MEMO

CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL

RC 230325 TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE AN ALLUVIAL GOLD MINING OPERATION AT
1346-1536 TEVIOT ROAD, MILLERS FLAT

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- 1 Hawkeswood Mining Limited has applied to the Central Otago District Council (**CODC**) for resource consent to establish and operate alluvial gold mining at 1346-1536 Teviot Road, Millers Flat. Vivian+Espie prepared a Landscape and Visual Effects Assessment – Peer Review Memo in December 2023 (**the V+E Peer Review**). In response to the V+E Peer Review, Hawkeswood Mining Limited provided an updated plan set showing indicative staging and the location of mining activities including proposed visual bunding for each stage.
 - 2 The updated plan set responds to recommendations in paragraph 11 of the V+E Peer Review, suggesting an overall site plan be provided. The site plan should provide certainty regarding the locations of visually significant parts of the activity, the proposed mitigation measures, and the specified timeframe, and to ensure that that suitable mitigation has been proposed, particularly in relation to the trail and private views. The updated plan set shows additional details of indicative staging, the location of workshops, offices, stockpiles and bunding during each stage. In general, the proposed separation distances and bunding will likely provide adequate mitigation. However, for Stage Two, bunding only extends a short distance along the Clutha River boundary. While the topography and existing vegetation may offer some mitigation, the absence of bunding could diminish visual separation between the activity site and the cycle trail, as well as the nearby houses across the river.
 - 3 Associated conditions will need to accompany the plan set to ensure that mining activity is carried out in accordance with these plans. A suite of conditions was provided in the Landscape Effects Assessment Report prepared by Mike Moore dated 24 October 2023 and recommendations and comments were provided in paragraph 10 of the V+E Peer Review. We have not been provided with any updated conditions.

- 4 The updated plan set offers more information and clarity regarding site management, staging and the location of visible elements during the activity. We consider that adverse effects on views and visual aspects can be adequately mitigated, if the plan set is accompanied by suitable conditions and additional details ensuring mitigation along the Clutha River boundary for Stage Two are provided.

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Quality Assurance

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