

Oceana Gold Waihi Operations seeking higher levels of water abstraction.

Adam Daniel of Fish and Game (Fisheries Officer) has alert Ian Rodger to the fact that Oceana Gold Waihi Operations- OGNZL is seeking to change its currently consented water abstraction regime from the Ohinemuri River. In this regard, OGNZL propose to abstract up to 20% of the river flow when the flow rate is above 2 × Mean Annual Low Flow (“MALF”). Based on the assessment undertaken by GHD (2018) it is considered that approximately 15,000 m³/d will be diverted to the pit lake.

The closing date for providing your submission to Hauraki District Council is **Friday 14 September 2018**, yes just three days away, so we would encourage you all to object to this proposal.

The submission form can be found at the following link.

<https://weneedtotalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/project-martha-form-b/>

Ian Rodger has submitted the following application details which should give you an idea as to how your own submission might read.

Your submission on Project Martha application to Waikato Regional Council has been received.

Hearing of Proposals: No

Joint case: Yes

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Support or oppose: Oppose the application or specific parts of it

My submission:: That the proposal "to take 20% of the flow of the OHINEMURI RIVER when the flow rate is above 2 x average mean low flow (MALF)", will be very detrimental to the health of the aquatic life of the river - including indigenous fish and trout - due to increased water temperature and decreased flow rates. That the

proposal asks for such a water-take over a period in excess of 7.5 years, exacerbates the situation.

I very much oppose such action.

Reasons: Very much as above. The 'health of the river' has been very adversely affected by low flows (and some seasonal it is accepted), and it is also suggested that the leakage of toxins from mine workings over the years has also contributed to the poor health of the river, its aquatic life and fish habitat. Using 'trout as a barometer of water quality' (well accepted worldwide) the OHINEMOURI RIVER was a very productive fishery some years ago and is only just reverting to its former self. That such volumes of water be taken from the river system as is suggested, would be very detrimental to the ongoing health of the river its aquatic life and fish habitat.

Seeking decision: It is all about the long term 'health of the river' and the aquatic life it contains.

Your requested action will have a very adverse impact on the health of the river (temperature and flow-rates) and the aquatic life in the long term.

Your action will be very detrimental to the environment in the long term and I request that the application be declined.

Date: 11/09/2018