

Macraes Phase 4

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MP4 would add a small amount of additional mining activity to the broader area where large-scale, open cut mining is already permitted over an extensive area.

Most of the landscape effects from the proposal would arise from an increase in the heights and footprints of existing consented Waste Rock Stacks adding to what is already in place. Mining activities related to the open cut pits will mainly occur below ground level and have small effects on landscape character.

The proposal would also generate positive landscape effects including the infilling and remediation of Coronation North pit and the formation of lakes in pits. The landscape effects of the proposed Golden Bar Waste Rock Stack would be moderate as it will alter the skyline where it is located. However, Golden Bar is a remote site, so this effect will not be obvious to the public. Overall, landscape effects generated from all other aspects of the proposal will be low to indiscernible.

Many of the visitors to the area are coming to see the mine and associated activities which are a major part of the visual character and amenity of the Macraes Flat landscape.

This is a summary of the information available in the Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE).

A full copy of the AEE and supporting documents will be available on the OceanaGold Macraes website following lodgement to councils. www.oceanagoldmacraes.co.nz/mp4

