

## Rua Gold Fast Track Update

Reefton focused explorer Rua Gold has been ramping up permitting related activities on the West Coast with the team targeting a Fast Track referral application during the first quarter of 2026.

The following independent advisor appointments have been made as outlined below:

Organisation	Subject Area
<b>Mitchell Daysh</b>	Assessment of Environmental Effects
<b>Simpson Grierson</b>	Legal Advisors
<b>Tonkin and Taylor</b>	Noise & Vibration, Air Quality
<b>Ecological Solutions</b>	Terrestrial Ecology / Aquatic Ecology
<b>Wayfinder</b>	Landscape
<b>Eaqub &amp; Eaqud Limited</b>	Economic Impact Assessment
<b>Stantec</b>	Traffic
<b>Southern Archaeology</b>	Archaeology
<b>Mine Waste Management (Green Road Group)</b>	Geochemistry Hazard Assessment
<b>Hydro Geochem (Green Road Group)</b>	Water Studies
<b>EMM Consulting</b>	Social Impact

Some consultant and stakeholder site visits have already occurred in December 2025 with the bulk of the independent advisors to visit the Auld Creek site and surrounding areas in January 2026.

Rua has been actively engaging with Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae on our exploration activities and future development plans. Ngati Waewae are a major supporter of the project and will be working closely with Rua Gold through the Fast track process and also assisting with cultural impact assessments.

The mine concept design was completed in 2025 by engineering firm AMC and Rua is currently tendering for works to support a Preliminary economic assessment (PEA).

The Rua team have commenced community stakeholder and regulatory consultations which will ramp up further as 2026 gets underway. If the referral application is successful, the team is working towards a Fast Track application to be submitted towards the latter half of 2026.

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