

Call for expressions of interest in Master Scholarship

Common grounds – land use, mining and farming

Department of Management, University of Otago

OceanaGold owns significant amounts of land around the mine area in Macraes, Otago. The activities that take place on this land is subject to the Resource Management Act (RMA). Decisions being made around the use of this land are causing tensions between the local community, regulators and the company itself. Understanding the motivations and positions of the various stakeholders of the mine is complex and this research aims to understand what might be commonalities – areas of common interest across stakeholders to reduce the conflict and enhance community relations between all parties.

Addressing the issue involves understanding the positions of the stakeholders in relation to the land use conflict and conservation values. We propose a qualitative approach—interviewing stakeholders to discuss how they see and understand the land use, conservation values and the mine.

It is anticipated that the student will adopt a stakeholder approach and interview the relevant stakeholders to understand their positions on land-use around the mine. The student may draw on the community engagement literature as part of the project.

We are seeking a Master of Commerce student to undertake this research.

A 1-year scholarship of \$17,000 plus fees is available.

The scholarship is funded by OceanaGold and housed in the Department of Management, Otago Business School.

Applications for this position should include:

- Covering letter with preferred start date
- CV including two referees
- Academic transcripts

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