

# Minerals West Coast

**Minerals West Coast Trust was established in 2005 to ensure that the Minerals Industry is recognised as one of the driving industries of the West Coast economy.**

**Minerals West Coast has six key objectives.**

- 1. To increase cooperation among all involved in the Minerals sector on the West Coast.**
- 2. To increase employment levels on the West Coast.**
- 3. To work with the Minerals sector to develop and promote employment and educational strategies.**
- 4. To promote environmental "best practices".**
- 5. To liaise with local Runanga, Ngai Tahu, regarding mining matters.**
- 6. To identify, record and protect local archaeological mining sites and facilities.**



# The New Zealand Minerals Industry

## Mining in New Zealand is a \$2 billion Industry

The mining industry contributes to several sectors of the economy such as:

- **Construction** (aggregates and limestone for cement)
- **Energy** (coal)
- **Transport** (road aggregates)
- **Primary Industry** (coal and ironsand)
- **Agriculture** (fertiliser)
- **Manufacturing** (industrial minerals).



# New Zealand's Minerals Wealth

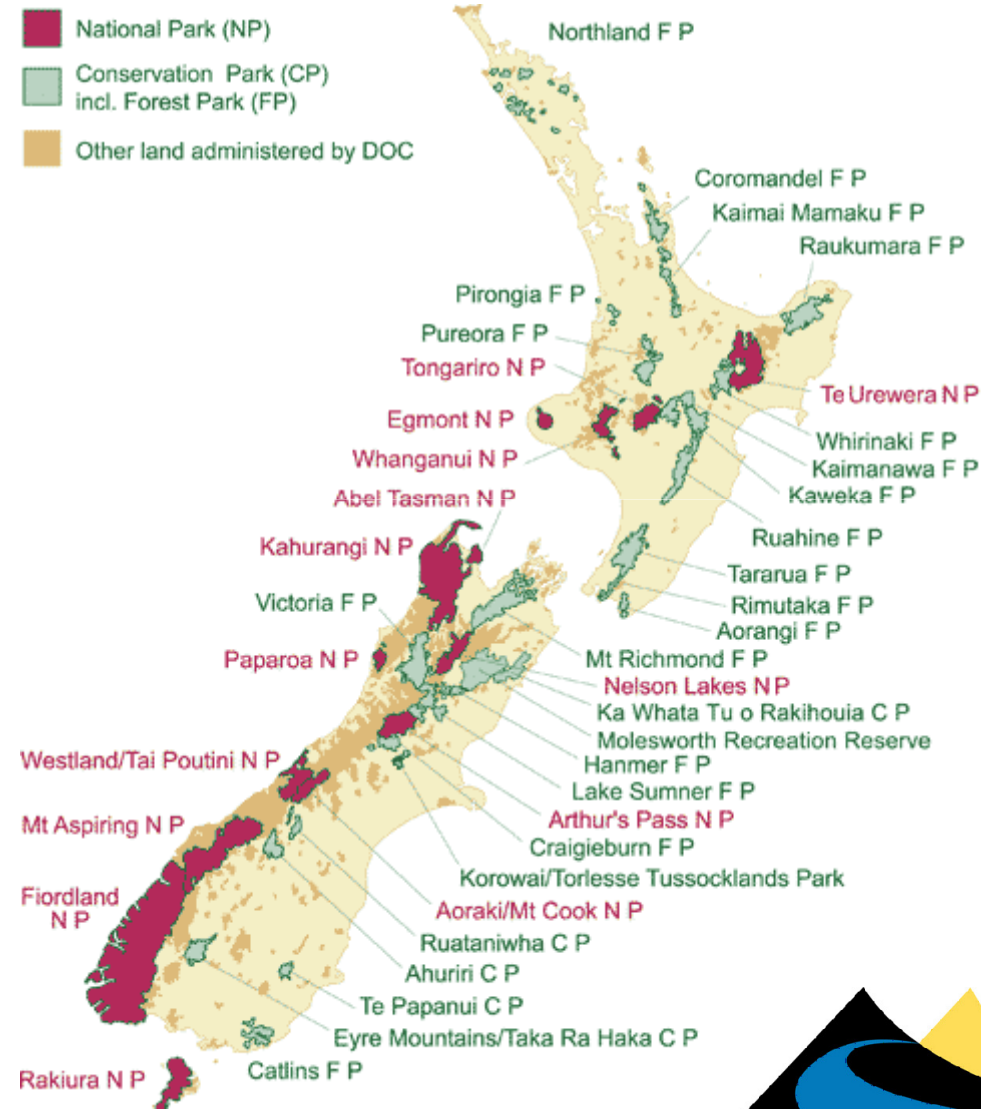
**New Zealand is mineral rich and the environmentally responsible development of this potential is a very real possibility.**

**Estimates of our current mineral wealth range from \$160 Billion to a high as \$1730 Billion at today's values.**



# The Conservation Estate

40% of New Zealand



# Land Classified Schedule 4.

**Schedule 4 land is land that has been identified as being of significant conservation values and include all National Parks, the Coromandel Peninsula, and other high conservation areas such as marine reserves.**

**Some of the land identified as Schedule 4 has been misclassified. For example, much of the former Timberlands (commercial plantation) estate on the West Coast was placed in the Paparoa National Park out of convenience and has by default been allocated Schedule 4 status.**

# The New Zealand Minerals Industry

- **40% of New Zealand's land mass is within the DOC estate(107,208 km<sup>2</sup>).**
- **13% of New Zealand land mass is classified as Schedule 4 Land. (34,842 km<sup>2</sup>).**
- **The New Zealand minerals industry has a total operational footprint of less than 50 km<sup>2</sup>**
- **It is estimated that Schedule 4 land contains potentially 40% of New Zealand's mineral wealth. (\$77—\$690 Billion)**



# The New Zealand Minerals Industry

- **New Zealand's natural resource industry already contributes significantly to our economy however we make use of just a fraction of its potential.**
- **Currently more than 2,200 people are employed in the minerals industry on the West Coast**
- **The industry produces gold, coal, petroleum and other minerals worth about \$4 billion per year across New Zealand, including \$700 million from the West Coast alone, contributing \$2 billion to exports.**



# The New Zealand Minerals Industry

**Much of our vast untapped resources are on publicly-owned conservation estate. Carefully controlled increased access could:**

- **Lead to the creation of a further 25,000 jobs nationally**
- **Boost production and exports, lift average household incomes by at least 1.7 per cent and deliver a steep increase in the country's economic performance.**



# Mining and Tourism.

**Mining is good for Tourism!**

**The West Coast mining industry has grown in excess of 30% since 2001.**

**Tourism numbers through the same period have also grown.**

- **Grey District**                      **22%**
- **Buller**                                      **39%**
- **Westland**                                **46%**
- **Nelson City**                              **12%**
- **Queenstown Lakes**                  **28%**



# Mining and The Environment.

**A lot has changed in 40 Years!**

**Mining has a high impact on the land during the mining operations.**

**Mining companies now work towards the concept of net conservation gain.**

**Not only are the mining sites reconstructed the environment is enhanced in some way.**

**Examples include**

- **Oceana Gold's Mainland Island project, with funding now diverted to DoC's much larger Maruia project.**
- **Pike River Coal's pest and predator control program**
- **Rio Tinto's coastal walkway project**
- **Solid Energy's wetlands project**



# Mining and The Environment.

## The Golden Cross Mine



# Mining and The Environment.

**The Golden Cross Mine, Coromandel, after restoration**



# Schedule 4 Submissions

## The key messages

- 1. Support for the current review of land classified as Schedule 4.**
- 2. Remove Schedule 4 status altogether, and allow each mineral extraction proposal to be assessed within the RMA process.**
- 3. DOC requires more resources to process and manage applications, permits and consents.**
- 4. Change the Conservation Act to require the economic value of any application to be considered alongside the conservation and cultural values.**

# Summary

**There is no doubt that NZ is a gifted country. Not only a magnificent environment and fantastic people, we also sit on tremendous potential wealth.**

**With careful and considered planning NZ can have the best of both worlds in maintaining our environment while benefitting from the natural resources that lie beneath it.**

**It is for New Zealanders to decide.**

