

# Minerals West Coast

## Agenda.

1. Welcome
2. Overview Minerals West Coast
3. The Review of the Crown Minerals Act discussion document
4. Submissions
5. Becoming a member of Minerals West Coast.
6. What Next

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**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.**



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Beneath these objectives Minerals West Coast has eight key Goals:

**Goal 1 Access to the Minerals estate.**

**Goal 2: Perception and Promotion of the Industry.**

**Goal 3: Industry Bonding.**

**Goal 4: Employment Skills and Training.**

**Goal 5: Freight Transport Infrastructure development.**

**Goal 6: Energy Needs.**

**Goal 7: The West Coast as a Centre of Excellence in Environmental Management and Rehabilitation.**

**Goal 8 Recognising Mineral Heritage Tourism.**



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## Benefits of membership.

1. Professional networking opportunities
2. Regular newsletters
3. Attendance at the annual West Coast Minerals Forum.
4. Getting support to work with the regulators.
5. Contributing to the voice of the West Coast minerals industry.
6. Contributes to your “Social License to Operate”.
7. Potential for providing coordinated input through the Manager into the development of future minerals industry regulations and procedures.
8. Ability to work with Minerals West Coast to ensure that the value of the minerals industry is recognised and valued by our community, local government and central government.
9. Web site listing for larger membership contributors



# Reviewing the Crown Minerals Act 1991 Discussion Paper August 2010



## From the discussion document

### Removing Permit Requirements for Small-Scale Gold Activities in River and Lake Beds and Coastal Marine Areas

#### 5 Small-scale gold activities

##### 5.1

Around a quarter of the minerals mining permits granted by Crown Minerals relate to small-scale operations, principally beach-sand gold and suction dredge operations. The scale of these activities means that any fees received are outweighed by the resources required to process and manage these permits. It is proposed to remove the requirement to obtain a permit for nonmechanised gold activities (such as gold panning) and operations using low mechanisation (where the machinery used does not exceed 5 horsepower) in river and lake beds and coastal marine areas (save that such activities may only be carried out where there is no existing permit over the area). As a result of this change, the provisions on gold fossicking areas would also be able to be repealed.

##### 5.2

One of the effects of this change is that iwi consultation under the CMA would no longer occur in respect of these activities (as is currently undertaken before the grant of a permit). However, it should be noted that people wishing to carry out these activities would still be required to obtain appropriate land access consents and any approvals under the RMA.

##### 5.3

Holders of current gold permits over these areas may choose either to continue to hold their permit for exclusive rights or surrender their permit. However, it is proposed that there would be no extensions of duration granted in respect of current mining permits for beach-sand gold and suction dredge operations.

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***Do you have any comments on the proposal to remove permit requirements for small-scale gold activities in river and lake beds and coastal marine areas?***

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Are you effected?

Do you have conditions such as:

*“Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Secretary , mining of Gold ilmenite and iron sand by surface methods using hand tolls and small machinery as necessary”.*

*Then it is very likely that you could be?*

*I have no definition of small machinery however Crown Minerals tells me that it is likely less than 5 hp.*



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## Access Agreements

The granting of a permit under the Crown Minerals Act 1991 does not give the permit holder an automatic right of access to any land.

Prior to commencing prospecting, exploration or mining activities (other than minimum impact activities on some land) a permit holder must reach and appropriate land access arrangement with the landowner and/or occupier.

Sections 49 to 80 of the Crown Minerals Act 1991 set out the land access rules. There are different requirements depending on the type of land involved and whether or not the proposed activities are minimum impact activities.

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## Minimum impact activity

An access arrangement may not be necessary for minimum impact activity. A minimum impact activity is defined in section 2 of the Act. It includes sampling and surveying by hand-held means, aerial surveying and any activities that do not result in other than minimum scale impacts.

For minimum impact activities on essentially only rural land, a permit holder is not required to obtain formal landowner and occupier consent to a land access arrangement. Instead, the permit holder is required to give 10 working days notice of entry in the appropriate manner.

However there is special protection for certain classes of land. No person can enter land less than 4.05 hectares in size (which covers general urban/residential land), conservation land, crop land, gardens, orchards, or cemeteries to carry out a minimum impact activity without the consent of the owner and/or occupier of the land.



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## How to make a submission

You are invited to provide feedback on this discussion paper.

There are specific questions we are particularly interested in receiving comments on. They are set out through the discussion paper and summarised again below. We are particularly interested in the real or perceived costs, benefits and risks of a proposal. Where possible and appropriate, quantified estimates of these costs, benefits and risks are desirable.

Responses are due by **5.00pm on 8 October 2010**.

When making a submission, please include your name, organisation's name (if applicable), and your address (postal and/or email) and either:

send your comments by email, preferably in a Microsoft Word document, to [cmareview@med.govt.nz](mailto:cmareview@med.govt.nz), or

mail a hard copy to:  
Crown Minerals Act Review  
Ministry of Economic Development  
PO Box 1473  
Wellington 6140



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## Submission Templates

Minerals West Coast has developed three template submissions to assist individuals and companies in lodging a submission

[Black Sand operation draft submission](#)

[Suction Dredge type operation draft submission](#)

[Individual draft submission](#)



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## Join Minerals West Coast.

Minerals West Coast wants to help however you will need to join and become members .

Minerals West Coast could be a ideal vehicle represent the minimalist mining community in future discussions.

[Membership Application](#)



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**What next ?**

