

WEST COAST MINERALS FORUM 2025

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Time	Speaker (Organisation)	Topic
07:30	DOORS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION	
08:15	Patrick Phelps (Minerals West Coast)	Forum opening and welcome.
08:30	Hon. Shane Jones (New Zealand Government)	Ministerial address from Minister for Resources and associate Minister for Energy, Shane Jones.
09:00	Panel chair: Richard Tacon (Minerals West Coast/Bathurst Resources) Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Eckford (RUA Gold) • Alison Paul (OceanaGold) • Danny Walker (New Zealand Placer Mining) • TBC (TBC) 	Opening Panel Discussion: <i>“The Government of New Zealand is seeking more investment, including in the minerals sector. What are the political and non-political drivers of investment?”</i>
09:45	Damian Spring (Santana Minerals)	Damian Spring is chief executive of Santana Minerals, a company working to develop the most significant single gold deposit in New Zealand in over four decades as part of its Bendigo-Ophir Project. Damian will discuss what is involved in raising capital for a project of this scale.

10:00	Heath Milne (Development West Coast)	Heath Milne is chief executive of Development West Coast. Heath will present on the role mining plays within the West Coast economy and analysis of the economics of the minerals sector.
10:15	MORNING TEA	
10:45	<p>Panel chair: John Crawely (Minerals West Coast/Spiers Finance)</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nic McLennan (UDC Finance) • Michelle Herlihy (Spiers Finance) • Sam Johnstone (Bathurst Resources) • Simon Delander (Federation Mining) 	<p>Panel discussion:</p> <p><i>“What does the future hold for the mining sector’s access to financial and banking services?”</i></p>
11:30	Alan Young (Enerlytica)	Alan Young is a director with Enerlytica, one of New Zealand’s leading energy sector analysis providers. He will present research on the supply and demand of energy sources such as coal, wood fuels, and electricity, in the South Island industrial sector.
11:45	Giovanni Frances (Industrial boilerman)	Giovanni Frances is an industrial boilerman in the health sector in Canterbury, with decades of experience installing, servicing, and operating industrial boilers. He will present on his experiences with challenges relating to transitioning from coal boilers to wood boilers.
12:00	LUNCH	

<p>13:00</p>	<p>Panel chair Paul Moffitt (Mines Rescue)</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ted Matschek (OceanaGold) • Lincoln Smith (Terra Firma Mining) • TBC • TBC 	<p>Panel question: <i>“What is the future of underground mining in New Zealand?”</i></p>
<p>13:40</p>	<p>Alex Mayhead (Terra Firma Mining)</p>	<p>Alex Mayhead is technical and projects manager for Terra Firma Mining. He will present on several projects the company has been working on and developing in the past twelve months, including New Talisman Gold Mine in Karangahake Gorge in the Coromandel.</p>
<p>13:55</p>	<p>Rob Boyd (Bathurst Resources)</p>	<p>Rob Boyd is technical marketing manager with Bathurst Resources. He will present on analysis of methane levels in the Greymouth Coal Field, as it pertains to the historic Liverpool Mine.</p>
<p>14:15</p>	<p>Ted Matteschek (OceanaGold)</p>	<p>Ted Matteschek is the superintendent for OceanaGold’s Macraes Golden Point Underground Operation. He will present on the operation of the existing site and future developments.</p>
<p>14:30</p>	<p>Lincoln Smith (Terra Firma Mining)</p>	<p>Lincoln Smith is managing director of Terra Firma Mining limited. He will present on the development timeframes for mining projects in New Zealand and Australia.</p>
<p>14:50</p>	<p>AFTERNOON TEA</p>	

<p>15:20</p>	<p>Panel chair: Patrick Phelps (Minerals West Coast) Maureen Pugh (Member of Parliament for West Coast-Tasman electorate) Damien O'Connor (Member of Parliament, List MP)</p>	<p>Panel question: <i>“Given the enduring role New Zealand’s two major political parties have held since 1935, what are the forecast major party mining policy positions in the coming five to ten years?”</i></p>
<p>16:00</p>	<p>Simon Court (NZ Government)</p>	<p>Simon Court is a member of parliament, and is parliamentary undersecretary for RMA Reform. He will discuss the government’s work to repeal and replace the RMA, and what this may mean for operators in the mining industry.</p>
<p>16:20</p>	<p>TBC</p>	<p>TBC</p>
<p>16:40</p>	<p>Patrick Phelps & Richard Tacon (Minerals West Coast)</p>	<p>Minerals West Coast’s manager and chair will conclude the day forum event before breaking for the dinner and drinks.</p>
<p>17:00</p>	<p>DAY EVENT ENDS</p> <p>DINNER AND DRINKS – MEMBERS WELCOME TO ATTEND AGM</p>	