



COVERSHEET

Minister	Hon Shane Jones	Portfolio	Resources
Title of Cabinet paper	Amendments to regulations under the Crown Minerals Act 1991 to set fees for a new Tier 3 permit	Date to be published	31 July 2025

List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
20 March 2025	Amendments to regulations under the Crown Minerals Act 1991 to set fees for a new Tier 3 permit	Office of Minister for Resources
20 March 2025	Stage 2 Cost Recovery Impact Statement: Setting fees for the new Tier 3 permit for small-scale non-commercial gold mining operations	MBIE
25 March 2025	Amendments to regulations under the Crown Minerals Act 1991 to set fees for a new Tier 3 permit EXP-25-MIN-0017 Minute	Cabinet Office

Information redacted

YES

Any information redacted in this document is redacted in accordance with MBIE's policy on Proactive Release and is labelled with the reason for redaction. This may include information that would be redacted if this information was requested under Official Information Act 1982. Where this is the case, the reasons for withholding information are listed below. Where information has been withheld, no public interest has been identified that would outweigh the reasons for withholding it.

- Confidential advice to Government
- Free and frank opinions



Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee

Minute of Decision

This document contains information for the New Zealand Cabinet. It must be treated in confidence and handled in accordance with any security classification, or other endorsement. The information can only be released, including under the Official Information Act 1982, by persons with the appropriate authority.

Crown Minerals Act 1991: Amending Regulations to Set Fees for Tier 3 Permits

Portfolio **Resources**

On 25 March 2025, the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee:

Background

- 1 **noted** that in May 2024, the Economic Policy Cabinet Committee agreed to a Tier 3 permit category for small-scale non-commercial gold mining operations under the Crown Minerals Act 1991 (CMA) through a Crown Minerals Amendment Bill (the Amendment Bill) [ECO-24-MIN-0077];
- 2 **noted** that a category 2 priority has been sought for the Amendment Bill on the 2025 Legislation Programme (must be passed by the end of 2025), and that it is expected to be passed in mid-2025;
- 3 **noted** that amendments to regulations under the CMA will be needed to implement the new Tier 3 permit category, including to establish the new fees for it;

New Tier 3 fees under the Crown Minerals (Minerals Fees) Regulations 2016

- 4 **agreed** to the following new fees for Tier 3 permits (all GST exclusive):
 - 4.1 \$2,420 for an application for a new permit;
 - 4.2 \$1,452 for an application to change the duration or land area of the permit;
 - 4.3 \$1,064 for an application to change the interest, operator or control of the permit;
 - 4.4 \$1,000 for the annual fee;
- 5 **agreed** that the above be given effect through amendments to the Crown Minerals (Minerals Fees) Regulations 2016 following the passing of the Amendment Bill;
- 6 **invited** the Minister for Resources to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to paragraph 4 above;

- 7 **authorised** the Minister for Resources to make decisions, consistent with the above paragraphs, on any issues which may arise during the drafting process, including minor and technical matters.

Sam Moffett
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon David Seymour (Chair)
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Mark Mitchell
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Andrew Hoggard
Hon Mark Patterson

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Office of the Chair
Office of the Minister of Defence
Officials Committee for EXP